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wife - Lydia.

Capt Henry C Pinkham bought this book for me in Boston, Mass, for which I paid him $3=00.
I recieved it on the 20th of July 1875.

June

Sunday.

27th Went over to John's and read his newspaper
After noon went quahanging and got near ½ a bushel.
J.J. Backus was over here in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clk.

Monday.

28th Plowed between the rows of potatoes with the double mold-board plow — hoed some of the beans. After noon went claming and dug about ½ bushel. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

29th Got ready and Lydia and I rode to town — delivered the butter — did my errands — Sold the remainder of the potatoes. Took dinner and tea at Sarah B. Wood's
Received the landside to my plow from onboard the schr Wm C. Nettleton — paid for it. After tea called over to brother Charles B. Paddock's, also called on bro C.B. Gardner.

769. Attended Lodge in the evening; afterwards walked down to Bro Wm H. Weston's, where the Daughters of Rebekah had spent the evening; most of them had left the house; but my wife and some others went back with us and we were treated with icecream, by William; from there walked to Sarah B's.
Started to go to the barn: but not liking the looks of the weather, we went back and turned in about midnight.

Wednesday.

30th Turned out about 4½ o'clock, morn and B. Coffin came home with us. Foggy weather. Chored around some.
Laid down a short time. At low tide went to the east shore of Polpis harbor and dug 2 bushels of clams:
4380. Did the chores and turned in about 8 o'clock.
Sarah B. Wood came here about 9 o'clock; having ridden here with J.J. Backus.

July

Thursday.

1st Chored around getting ready for a squantum
After noon Elisha Fisher, wife and daughter Mrs Priscilla Almy, Mrs George Palmer and daughter, Mrs Reynolds and son from New York. Mr Allen also Eliza Jane Coffin came here. Mr Allen and Maria W. Palmer rode back to town and brought out two Misses Green. Just before their arrival

July. I made the fire on the lake. About 3½ o'clock the company
eat of the clams. Then had some tea in the house. and went
4th. away soon after 4 o'clock. This morning I helped John
get his mowing machine out, and grind the knife
Turned in about 9 o'clock

Friday.

2d " Began to cultivate the corn. About 10 o'clock went over
to John's and borrowed his truck wagon, and carried
W. Coffin and some of her things to town. Left them at
D. W. Burgess' — had the horse shed, and we returned
about 5½ o'clock. J. J. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in at 9.

Saturday.

3d " Finished cultivating the corn one way. Hoed some of the
beans. Tim, and Ellis Jones walked here from town.
1881. Cultivated some of the corn the other way. Turned in at 9½ o'clock.

Sunday.

4th " Read in a book entitled "Roughing it", by Mark Twain. most of
the day. Ellis and Tim went to town with our horse and
John's wagon, and brought out Ellis's trunk. Turned in 6½ o'clock.

Monday.

5th " Finished cultivating the corn the first time. Dug a peck
of quahaugs. Willie Wyer came here. Helped J. J. Backus
grind 2 mowing machine knives. Ellis and Tim went
to town with A. S. Fish's horse and wagon and brought
out Nathan Walker and Ella Jones, sister of Ellis.

After tea the people began to come here, and before
9 o'clock, Mr Jones the minister of the North Church
came here, and at 9 o'clock Ellis Jones and Nhelve
Coffin Starbuck were married. About 50 people were
here; and by 11 o'clock they had all left for their homes.
We all turned in. Near 12 o'clock I heard a rap at
the back door; I soon found that it was Nathan Walker and
Ella Jones. The carriage that they went away in got
capsized, and Ella was afraid to get into it after it was
righted, so they walked back; the others rode to town, 12 of
them, in Ed C. Morse's party wagon. We all turned in again.

Tuesday.

6th Wind S.W. Weather foggy; cleared about noon

After a while the company procured a horse and wagon and rode to town. I borrowed John's wagon, and with our horse, Lydia, Sarah B. and I rode to town — delivered the butter — did my errands, and took dinner at Sarah B's

Went down street and saw a number of my acquaintances. At ½ o'clock had tea at Sarah B's. Called over to Charlie R. 770. Paddack's, and bro Charles P. Gardner's. Attended Lodge in the evening. "Installation". Ellis and Phebe were at Sarah B's when I returned there. Bid them good bye. Got the horse, and Lydia and I came home where we arrived about 4082. midnight. Turned in soon after getting home.

Wednesday.

7th Hoed some of the corn that was most weedy; When I came to the house at noon, Lydia had gone to town to see Ellis and P. Coffin; they leave the island and go to Brockton, today.

Went over to John's and inquired who Lydia rode to town with; They did not know. Came home. Laid down a short time; when I got up and went out of doors, it rained a little. Read some. By 4 o'clock, it rained heavy. Wrote a little. Turned in Sodk

Thursday.

8th Foggy weather. Chored around some. Lydia rode here with Mr Boden about 10 o'clock. she rode to town with C. B. Burgess yesterday. Hoed a little among the beans. Feeling rather bad I laid down a short time. Toward night Lydia and I rode to town. Took tea at David W. Burgess' about ½ 6 o'clock. David's wife had the company on P. Coffin's account. They had eaten before we arrived. Afterwards, I called over to Charlie Paddack's and staid about an hour; went back to David's and played checkers with Ellis Jones. Left there soon after 10 o'clock and went to Sarah B's — changed our clothes.

Harnessed the horse and came home where we arrived near 12 o'clock. Turned in immediately.

Friday.

9th Foggy when we came home, and also this morning.

1875.

July. Spread the manure in the pens and carted in 3 loads of turf and covered it. Made a heap of the manure that was left in the east lot after I had done planting potatoes in the spring: covered the heap with 3 loads of turf.

Plowed between the rows of potatoes. J. J. Backus spent the evening here. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

4383.
10th " Foggy in the morning. Lydia could not see the steamboat going out: P. Coffin was supposed to be there.

Cultivated the corn east and west, the second time.

After noon Lydia rode with me as far as W. S. Fish's. I continued on to the Burgess brother's farm and left a calf there and came back, and Lydia rode home with me.

Went onto the eastern farm and raked hay for John until near supper time. Came home and did my chores.

Burned in before it was fairly dark, about 7½ o'clock.

Sunday.

11th " Wind S.W. Weather foggy in the morning. Went over to John's and read his newspapers. Read most of the day.

4384. Burned in about 8 o'clock.

Monday.

12th " Clear weather wind southerly. Hoed among the beans and potatoes. After noon carried a calf to the Burgess brother's farm. Lydia rode with me as far as W. S. Fish's, and staid there until I came back: then she rode home with me. Cultivated the corn the other way, the second time. Read some. Burned in early.

Tuesday.

13th " Lydia and I got ready and rode to town.

Carried the butter round — did my errands. Called at Sarah Smith's, and saw my sister Elizabeth; she came to the island last Saturday. Lydia and I took dinner there.

After noon, Lydia rode with Mrs David W. Burgess to the farm occupied by Charles Starbuck in Squam. Charles's wife died very suddenly this morning about 8 o'clock.

They returned to town about 7 o'clock.

I took tea at Sarah B. Woods. Called on brother Charles
771. P. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening; after which
went to the house of Leander Cobb, where the Daughters of
Rebekah were met to make articles for their intended Fair.
Waited on Elizabeth home; then went to Sarah B. Smith's.
changed my clothes — Lydia went with me to get the horse
4885. and we came home — where we arrived about midnight. Turned in.

Wednesday. Very hot.

14th " Finished hoing the potatoes, and hoed some of the beans.
Afternoon mended the porch chimney. Turned in about dark.

Thursday. Very hot.

15th " Helped F. F. Backus grind his scythe and my new one.
Finished hoing the tree-beans, and hoed some of the others.
After noon finished hoing the beans. Had a bathe in the
harbor. About 5 o'clock, got ready and Lydia and I rode
to town. Attended the meeting of the Rebekah Degree Lodge.
4886. Elizabeth came home with us. we arrived about midnight Turned in.

Friday.

16th " Wind S.W. and foggy. Worked in the barn fixing
it for hay. After noon carried a calf to the Burgess bro's
farm. Elizabeth and Lydia rode to H. S. Fish's with
me. I stopped there on the way back, and asked Elmer
to come and mow for me; he could not, his machine
is out of order. The women came home with me. it began
to rain while we were coming home. Had a nice rain.
F. F. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

17th " Clear weather. Wind west northerly. Set out some
cabbage plants that John gave me. Mended the fence.
Pitted the barn for hay. Cleaned the stove out.
Mowed some corners in the north meadow preparatory
to mowing with the machine. Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

18th After doing the chores went clamming at Wapis harbor;
dug about a peck. Stopped at John's in coming back, and
got the newspapers. Tim came here while I was gone.

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July.

After breakfast went over to John's and read the newspaper. After noon we all rode to C. C. Morris's; Lydia and I rode to Charles Starbuck's, and staid about an hour; then returned to Edward's, and stopped to tea.

Heard that Benjamin Swain died very suddenly this forenoon about 10 o'clock. While we were at tea it began to rain from the N.E.; soon after I put on my catskin jacket and walked home barefooted in the rain. Does that for 58 years. It poured right down. Did the chores. Tim, Elizabeth and Lydia came home while I was milking; about 6 o'clock.

Read and talked until near 9 o'clock; then turned in.

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Monday.

19th Tim walked to town about 5 o'clock this morning.

I went over to John's; we ground the knife and got the machine ready, I put my horse to it — brought it over here and mowed the south meadow, and all the upper in the front lot that was worth mowing.

Mowed some with the scythe. About 3 o'clock E. J. Backus came here and Elizabeth rode to town with him.

Did John's chores. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

20th Borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town in it. Delivered the butter, 9 lbs. — did my errands — took dinner and tea at Sarah B. Wood's.

771. After tea called on bros Charles B. Paddock and Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening; after which went to brother Charles C. Jagger's house: the Daughters of Rebekah had been there through the evening. We were treated with cake and cheese; staid until 11 o'clock, then went to Sarah B.'s — changed my clothes, and Lydia went with me to the barn — got the horse — put over things into the wagon at Sarah B.'s — Went to Mrs Sarah Smith's, there Elizabeth got in and we came home.

It's clear, fine, moonlight night. Turned in soon after midnight.

Wednesday.

21st Harnessed the horse to the mowing machine and

began to mow in the north meadow. Sarah and Lydia B Morris, also Emily F. Caswell and her two children came here while I was harnessing. Lydia B. went back with the horse.

After noon raked the hay in the south and north meadows Lydia B. came here toward night with the horse and wagon and Elizabeth and Emily and the children went back with her. Copied some into this book from the one in which I have written up the journal since the 27th of June. I recieved this book yesterday and paid Henry C. Pinkham $3 for it. Turned in about 8 o'clock

Thursday.

22d Foggy. Mowed some in the north meadow. Ground the knife and procured some oil over to John's. Opened the bunches of hay on both meadows. After noon mowed some; then cocked the hay that I mowed before noon. Cocked the other on both meadows. J. J. Backus was over here in the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Friday.

23d Foggy when we turned out. It began to rain about 7½ o'clock Copied some from the other books into this. Picked our first green pease. Mowed some afternoon J. J. Backus was over in the evening. Turned in about 8¾ o'clock.

Saturday

24th Mowed in the north meadow; cracked the knife the first bout. Went to John's and got the other knife also a new bolt; having broken the one that holds the plate that keeps the knife-bolt in its place. Put the machine in order and mowed till noon. After noon mowed until I broke the other knife. Raked and bunched all the hay that was fit. Near 4 o'clock eve' Lydia rode to town with J. J. Backus and wife. Finished copying from the other book into this. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

1888. Lydia came home about 11½ o'clock and come to bed.

Sunday.

25th After breakfast got John to come and help me.

1 load. We carted in a load of hay from the south meadow.

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July. then made preparations for claming. Caleb & Allen wife and daughter came here.

Caleb went with John and I claming. I brot 5 pecks and John a half bushel for himself.

4 loads. After dinner John and I carted in 3 loads of hay. Capt E.C Foy, wife and daughter Mary came here while we were at dinner. Caleb and company went to E.C. Morris's. Raked all the hay into windrows

Spent a very pleasant evening until after 9 o'clock, at which time Capt Foy and family went home.

Toward night Emily & Caswell brought Elizabeth down here. Emily went back with the team. C

Turned in soon after Capt Foy went.

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Monday

26th Raked the rakings in the south meadow.

About 11 o'clock; marn' Benj^a Sabey, wife and son, Mr George Pearson, wife and their two little boys came here in one carriage. Shortly after, Benj^a C. Easton wife and child, Mrs Bennett nee Blasket. came here in another carriage. Had ham shoulder for dinner about noon. Had some dancing; B. Sabey did the fiddling; also some singing. About 4 o'clock, made a dambake of which we all partook; immediately after the company started for town. The weather looks rainy. near 6 o'clock

Turned in soon after 10 o'clock,

Tuesday.

27th Went on to the eastern farm and got some lillies out of the ponds. Got ready and Lydia, Elizabeth and I rode to town. Elizabeth stopped at Sarah Smiths; and Lydia and I put our things into Sarah B. Woods.

Carried the butter round. Did my errands.

Put the horse up. Gave the lillies to the Daughter of Rebekah to help dress the Hall for their Fair.

Took dinner at Sarah B's. Called at Wendalls Hall where the sisters are preparing for their Fair.

Called at Mr Atkins's and saw Caleb & Allen.

Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on Charlie Paddock and
773. Charlie Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening.
Went to Sarah B.'s and got ready; brought the
horse there, and Lydia and I came home where we
arrived about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

28th " Had the knives mended yesterday. Finished mow-
ing, before noon. While John and I were putting the
machine in the house it began to rain.
After noon, laid down a little while. Rainy.
By 3 o'clock the weather cleared. Chored around.
About 5 o'clock Lydia went over to J.J. Backus's
and rode to town with him. After doing the
chores I rode to town. Changed my clothes at Sarah B.'s
and went to the Fair of the Daughters of Rebekah at,
Wendalls Hall; staid there until after 10 o'clock. Came
4890. home, Lydia came too. Supped here at N.N. Turned in.

Thursday.

29th " Mowed some in the north meadow and opened
all the windrows there. Helped Lydia pick some
peas for dinner. After noon raked and cocked all
the hay in the north meadow. E.C. Gardner's horse
and colt broke into our north lot and damaged the
oats some. Called John and after a long time
we got them out. John mended the fence.
About 5 o'clock Lydia and I rode to town with
J.J. Backus. Rainy. Attended the Fair. Went home
with Him. Lydia and I went to Sarah B.'s about
11 o'clock, and turned in just before midnight.

Friday.

30th " It rained heavily most all last night.
Turned out at 5 o'clock morn. and walked down to where
John keeps his horse, and rode from there home with
him. After doing the chores laid down. I think
that I strained my stomach yesterday, in running after
those horses. Feel rather bad. After noon saw

1875.

July. the horses in the oats in the north lot; called John; we drove them out — carted a load of rails down there and mended the fence. Mrs A.S. Fisher and her little boy

4891. called here. Read some. Turned in about 4 ½ o'clock.

Saturday.

31st Clear weather, Wind northerly. Opened all the cocks of hay. Carted in a jag from the south meadow which was all there was, also carted in one from the north

5 loads. meadow. After noon carted in all the hay from

10 loads 1/2. the north meadow, 6 loads. Turned in about 8 ½ o'clock

August

1st

Sunday.

After breakfast, went quahauging and dug and brot home more than a peck. Tim and Willie Wyer walked here from town. Tim helped me grind two scythes.

Had a nap; while I was asleep Tim and Willie went to town. Read some. Turned in about 8 ¼ o'clock.

Monday.

2d Mowed 2 cm of the oats front of the house, stopped by the rain.

On the 15th of April the committee of Entertainment sang a song to me; to which I replied on the 17th of June by reading the following rhymes, and having a number of the brothers and sisters sing the song in the piece

The Reply.

Oh! how shall I commence, and where shall I begin.
The only way that I know of, is to go straight in
And write some wild extravaganza just to make sport
Although writing of rhymes was never my fort.
But, should my Pegasus go limping and halting along.
Like the badly written verse of a charity song
I shall have to sturdy and smartly lay on the lash
Which may start him off with a slap or a dash
Or cause him to run, kick, plunge or jump
If not held well in hand go over a stump
Damaging himself, by breaking a leg or a wing
Which for me would be a very unfortunate thing.

Perhaps of him I might lose all control
And thereby never reach my intended goal.
Which is especially to answer the committee's song
That they sung to me so loud, so lustily and strong.

Imprimis or firstly.

On the evening of April the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy five
Our members were met to the number of fifty and five.
Having gone through our business with excellent speed;
Doing all things in order as by Grand Lodge decreed.
The committe were called on to trot out their programme—
Which they did by singing "Altogether" without any sham.
Great was the applause and brother Wing cried encore,
And made a lusty noise by stamping on the floor.
The next in succession was a grabbox full of ties
For twenty five cents you had the chance for a prize.
Of a big one or little, a long one or short,
Good bad or indifferent, each one of some sort.
They were all sizes, color, form, shape and make
From the wee little one—to another that would take
Ten yard of brother Rothenbergh's muslin so good
And some which were contracted for by the rood
Few were starched as stiff as any poker
Also one real, genuine, regulation white choker;
Which, by our Chaplain should have been drawn;
But he sported one about the color of corn.
After a while each was suited, not suited, or non ut
Every one rejoicing in his having drawn the best;
Except one long brother, who took a small one, with a sigh.
And a little man, who was hitched—to a very big tie,
Among our number was one for miserable elf
By being tardy got never a one for himself
But offered with long, loud and stentorian cries
Ten hundred per cent advance, for anyone's prize
Which was forthcoming; and happy was he
And waited on his partner with joyful glee.

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August.

The aprons: those aprons, how shall I describe them?
When I hardly know a good fell from a hem
But at it I'll try my exceeding poor hand
Perhaps I can tell a straight waist from a band.
Their colors were as many as the rainbow has hues,
Or as a dying dolphin — when witnessed by crews
Of ships, that do business on the mighty deep,
Where the winds and the waves never sleep.
There was white, pink, green, blue, dusky and dun,
And all the intermediate shades under the sun
Cut in all fashions — no fashion, and straight
Long, short, dumpy, crooked, small and great.
Many with shoulder straps; then others without;
Then again with ruffles: both inside and out;
Some looked like courses with the sheets hauled taut
Others reminded me of topgallants and royals so smart.
With puffed waists, melon waists and no waist at all,
And some like the foretops'l when it's let go and haul.
A few had fliffets and flaffets bedizened with stars,
Like a union jack flag, or a bold son of Mars;
While others with welts on their pockets were shown
Throwing into dark shade those that had none.
Soon all were matched, mismatched or mated
The fun never ceased, nor one jot abated;
But went on growing more furious and fast
With laughing and talking — until at last
Came the order for us all to fall into line
Which being done. Our appearance was fine
March! was the next order which they then gave.
The old brothers moved along with faces so grave
And kept step to the time and the tune
About as near as we have —— snowdrifts in June.
The portal of the refectory was then opened wide
Through it we passed — each side by side:
Went around the tables which were set very neat —
After some shifting and changing — each had a seat.

The Noble Grand for order (by request) loudly did call
Fact. — Nond split his gavel before he silenced them all.
Our Chaplain was not called on to render his part
From a slip of memory, not from any want of heart.
Because such things should always be done
Before a feast, a meal or a supper is begun.
Quietness was obtained — like the silence of sleep;
So calm — so beautiful — so serene and deep —
Which was broken by their voices sweet ring
And this was the song — which they didn't sing.

Song to the Committee of Entertainment, of April 15/75.

Now brothers come and sisters all, care aside we'll fling
And join in hearty concert, and have a little sing.
And try "hard to please yow, as in will are free
To thank that committee for what they sung to me.

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To thank that committee for what they sung to me

Great thanks are due yow one and all and a just meed of praise
For the handsome manner, in which you sung your lays
But O can hardly tell you if they were meant to please
Or if they were intended, your Noble Grand to tease.
But thanks to the committee

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But thanks to the committee for what they sung to me

Now some advice I'll give you, just what yore seem to lack:
Which is never pelt a person, who's certain to pelt back;
For if he should hit you, there would be but little fun,
In binding up yoner bruises, for what yourselves had done.
But thanks to the committee

" " " "

And thanks to the committee for what they sung to me.

Long sounded the applause and wild was the mirth
Which shook the building from it's top to the earth.

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In the midst of the confusion, uprose the Noble Grand.
He had stated that extempore speeches he was no hand
But craved a copy of that in which their voices did join
With the intention of paying them off in their own coin.

Attention was then paid to that which was before us
In the shape of good chowder, and a great many adorers
Worshiped with ardor at that culinary shrine.
And who would not? to such a Goddess divine?

Talk of ambrozia on which the Hathen Gods feed
They never ate chowder or they would have agreed
That such provender had been heresy of yore
They would not have remained Gods. but before
This, had made use of their transforming powers
And become inhabitants of this new world of ours
Just for the sake of partaking of so rare a dish
As good chowder is — when made of nice, fresh fish.

Now all things being ended, and we on the road
In that same old horsecart — not much of a load
I told it. it stuck out its thills instead of toes
Turned up its forelocks — for want of a nose
And made quite a demonstration — such as one feels
When well pleased — and smiled with its wheels.
The sides and bottom boards — shook, as with a laugh,
And did not express themselves by less than one half.

The old horse, on hearing so much of a fuss;
Cocked his short neck — and stuck up his ears thus
He stopped trotting, and came down to a walk,
And he and I, had quite a lengthy horsetalk.

Now boss it was not quite the thing, or right,
As on me you mostly depend in the night
That, that committee my assistance should ignore
When its well known that I'm the propeling power
By which the horsecars is moved to and fro.
If I was not in the thills, it would be no go.

Softly my good old friend and creature
You forget, that committee never had any teacher;

And meant you neither slight, nor harm;
For none of them were brought up on a farm.

Now boss if that's so; they should and ought to be forgiven
And I think they are entitled to go to horse heaven.

To cut things short, I cut him with the whip
He gave legbail – but, did it give me any more lip.
I did some thinking, and had no more to say,
Thus by fits and starts, we wended our homeward way.

The rain held up, and I moved a little then
the rain came and stopped me. Copied the foregoing
4393/8 rhymes into this book. Read some. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

8th Borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town about 10 o'clock. While we were going around with the butter it rained very heavily. Put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B. Woods. Split some wood for her in the cellar. Did my errands. Went to the shop formerly occupied by David Mitchell. Charlie Paddack is at work there fixing the iron-work of his wagon; staid there about an hour. Then carried the remainder of the butter 15 lbs today. 2 more sent down last saturday. Took tea at Sarah B.'s.

Called over to Charlie B. Paddack's. Called on brother
778. Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening.

Went over to Paddack's with him after Lodge and he and I talked until about 11 o'clock, when my wife and sister Elizabeth came there: then went to Sarah B.s. – changed our clothes; brought the horse and wagon there — put the things in — went to Sarah Smith's Elizabeth got in — and we came home where we arrived about 1½ o'clock. Eat something, and turned in.

Wednesday.

9th Mowed some in the front lot — drove out about 11 o'clock, by the rain. After noon dragged the wagon home, and I in ground my scythe for me.

Finished mowing the oats in the front lot by 4 o'clock.

1875.
August. Looked around a little and found a few ripe black-berries. Read some. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

5th " Wind S.W. and rainy. When it held up I began to mow in the north lot. oats. The rain drove me out very soon. Took the boiler out of the setting in the kitchen and cleared the flue out. rainy. Went quahauging and got half a peck. After noon went over to John's and ground my scythe. Mr. S. Fish brought our quilting bars home. Rainy. After the rain mowed oats in the north lot until 5 o'clock. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

6th " Mowed in the north lot until 11 o'clock. Then turned the swarths in the front lot. After noon mowed in the north lot until 2 o'clock then raked and bunched the oatfodder in the front lot and raked the oats in the north lot into windrows. After tea read some
1894. Burned in about 9 o'clock. Emmie Cassell and her
sister Lydia B were here soon after tea and staid an hour.

Saturday.

7th " Mowed in the north lot until near noon.
After noon finished mowing the oats in the north lot.
Martha W. Fish and her daughta called here after tea a time
Read some, and turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

8th " Had a heavy tempest this morning about 8 o'clock.
Opened the heaps of hay in the front lot and turned the windrows in the north lot. Lydia borrowed the old white horse of Harrison Gardner, who was on the farm next east of ours, getting into the barn his cabbage seed; she and Elizabeth went to Wolpis with it and stopped at C.C. Morris's. I went quahauging and got about half a bushel. Got back about ½ o'clock, when it began to rain, and it was the heaviest one that I have seen for a long time. The front fence was down and the cows went through onto the commons. After the rain I

went out there, and staid with them, and picked huckleberries. Drove them in about 5½ o'clock. While I was milking Lydia and Elizabeth returned. F.J. Backus
1895. came over here in the evening. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

9th We had a heavy rain some time in the night The wind has been S.W. for a number of days now.

Mended the fence where the cattle went through yesterday. Chored around a little, picked some string beans. Leveled the manure under the barn, and carted in 2 loads of turf. Foggy weather.

After noon carted in 3 more loads of turf, and turned the windrows of oats in the north lot.

After tea Elizabeth left here for town with F.J. Backus; about 5½ o'clock. Burned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

10th Wind S.W. Weather clear. Lydia and I left home about 8½ o'clock morn', and rode to town - delivered the butter - 13 lbs. 5 doz eggs. - Did my errands - took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Called on the Register of Deeds to inquire about my title to the farm on which we now 50 cts.
live at Squaw. Took tea at Benj. F. Wyer's 2nd.

Fed the horse with corn not having been able to get
77¢ any at noon. Attended Lodge in the evening, where I saw Edward F. Easton he has been unwell for about a year. announced a meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah for Wednesday evening next (tomorrow).

After Lodge meeting walked part of the way over to Ben Wyer's - met Lydia and we walked back to Sarah B. Woods together. Burned in there about 11 o'clock

While in town paid Sim $6 (six) toward what I owe him for two heifers that I bought of him for twelve dollars. Paid William H. Weston the balance of his bill $4-50 cts which settled the account between us.

Wednesday.

11th Foggy in the morning. Burned out about 5 o'clock, and

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August. took breakfast at Sarah B.'s. Went over to Sarah Smith's and lashed Elizabeth's trunk for her — Lydia and I walked down to the steamboat and bid Elizabeth. Emily and "Ify Little Mother" and the children good bye and waited until the boat went. Then we walked to Sarah B.'s — changed our clothes and got the team and Edward G. Bunkers little daughter "Winnie" came home with us. Wrote until noon. Paid J. J. Backus for cocking the fodder in the front lot, Tuesday. 50 cts. also handed him 50 cts that my sister Elizabeth sent him. After noon raked an acre and a half of fodder that had lain in the swarth since last Saturday. bunched all the windrows in the north lot and stacked it up nice. Raked the rakings in the front lot. Did the chores and eat supper — after which Lydia, "Pixie" and I rode to town with J. J. Backus. Changed our clothes at Sarah B.'s. Attended a special meeting of the Degree of Rebekah, for the purpose of entertaining the report of the committees on the fair which was held on the 28th and 29th of July last. After meeting went to Sarah B.'s. — changed our clothes walked down to S. H. Backus's, and we three rode home with J. J. Backus and wife, where we
4396. arrived at 11¼ o'clock. Turned in immediately.

Thursday.

12th Foggy in the morning; but cleared by 9 o'clock.

Lydia, Pixie and I went blackberrying in the front lot and picked about 2 quarts. After-noon had a nap — had a look at the vegetation it looks well. Picked some cucumbers. being the first but one; that I picked last Monday.

Soon after noon helped J. J. Backus load some bedding for horses. He teamed it to town. John called here after tea, Read some. Turned in quarter of 9 o'clock. the cucumbers have been planted 19 days

Friday.

13th. Foggy in the morning; but it soon cleared. Wind S. West.

Helped John cultivate his cabbages. then I cultivated some of my corn. After noon. Mattie M. Fish and her brother Freddie, also Winnie Ellis came here to play with "Pixie".

I finished cultivating the corn one way. About 3 o'clock eve', George B. Paddock and Sidney Macy came to our share in Charlie Paddock's boat; they walked up to the house and staid about an hour and then went away.

After tea Mattie and the other two children went
4.97. home. I turned in before 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

14th " About daylight it rained heavily with the wind S.W. I chored around some and when the ground was dry I opened and turned the cocks of fodder in the front lot. Winnie picked the first green cranberries.

After noon carted in the hay from the front lot all
14 loads. but the rakings. 4 loads. Winnie went to A.S. Fisk's after dinner. Lydia walked there about 2 o'clock.

Raked the rakings and bunched it up.

Lydia and "Pixie" came home while I was milking. Read a little. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

15th " Wind westerly. Weather very foggy. Sim walked here from town about 7½ o'clock, morn'. I went over to John's and read his newspaper. Opened the oatfodder in the front lot about 11 o'clock and some in the north lot. Sim and Winnie picked some blackberries in the front lot.

After noon Sim helped me cart in the rakings from the
17 loads. front lot and 3 loads from the north lot. Read some and laid down a short time. After tea Sim rode to town with E.J. Backus. After doing the chores I had a nice wash
4.98. in our pond. Turned in about 8 o'clock. Had one of my spells and had to turn out. Turned in again 9½ o'clock.

Monday.

16th " Rainy in the morning. Wind westerly.

Worked most of the day, when it did not rain, mending the roof of the barn with shingles.

Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

17th " Lydia and I got ready and "Pixie" rode to town

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August. with us. Very warm; carried the butter to the customers.
I took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Did my errands—
sold my eggs at 30 cts pr doz. 7 doz and 4 eggs.
Paid my tax for this year. 20.63 cts. Took tea at
Sarah B's. Called over to Charlie Paddock's and bro'
775. C. W. Gardner's. Attended Lodge in the evening.
Went to Sarah B's changed my clothes—got the horse,
and Sarah B. came out with us about 11½ o'clock.
899. Eat something and turned in just before M. N.

Wednesday.

18th " Worked on the barn patching and reroofing.
After noon turned the cocks of oatfodder in the
north lot. I did not like to spread them, fearing
rain. Sarah B. and Lydia are blackberrying in
the front lot now, 2 o'clock eve'. Worked on the roof.
Read some, and turned in about 8¼ o'clock.

Thursday.

19th Sarah B. rode to town with Wm Bowen last
evening about 5½ o'clock. This morning the wind is S. E.
and the weather is foggy. Worked on the barn roof until
noon. After noon raked all the oatfodder that I opened
this morning into very large heaps, and cocked it as
well as I could; the wind blows heavy from the S. W.
Carried George C. Gardner's pulley horserake and
put it in his barn on the eastern farm.
We had a heavy squall of rain between 4 & 5 o'clock;
after which Lydia and I rode to town. put the horse up—
changed our clothes at S. B. Wood's. Attended Regular
Meeting of the Degree of Rebekah. Went to Sarah B's.
changed our clothes— walked to the barn— harnessed the
horse and came home, where we arrived about 11 o'clock.
The Work books of the Degree were mislaid and the
business of the Meeting was done without them.
Burned in soon after getting home.

Friday.

20th A very heavy rain this morning; with some thunder

and lightening. Worked at renailing the shingles on the barn roof most of the day. Edward C. Morris stopped here on his way to the Burgess bro's farm to carry some chickens, and left his wife here while he was gone; when he came back she went home with him.

Lydia went huckleberrying and got 3 pints.

44 deg. J. J. Packus was over here after tea. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

21st Wind S. W. weather foggy; but it clear'd by 9 o'clock. Worked on the roof of the barn until Charles and George B. Starbuck came; then shot his razors for him. Charles I mean. They went about 10½ o'clock. Opened the cocks of oatfodder in the north lot.

Mattie Mitchell Fish came here about noon and invited Lydia to ride out huckleberrying with her mother. They have just gone 1 o'clock.

20 loads. Turned the oatfodder and carted it in. 3 loads.

Lydia returned about dark with about 4 quart of berries. Read a little then turned in.

Sunday.

22d The sun rose clear, for the first time in a long time. After doing the chores; went over to John's and read his paper. Recieved a letter from David P. Starbuck. Gathered some cucumbers for pickles.

Laid down 2 or 3 hours after dinner. Read and wrote some. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Monday.

23d Wind N.E. weather lowery. Finished renailing the east roof of the barn. Carted a load of seaweed and put it in the hogspen. Leveled the dung under the barn, and covered it with 2 loads of turf.

Mended the floor of the cow stall in the lower part of the barn. Slight rain. Turned in about 8½ o'clock

Tuesday.

24th Lydia and I rode to town. Delivered the butter had the horse shod. Did my errands. Took dinner at

1870.

August. Sarah B. Woods. Paid Sim the balance due him on two dealings that I bought of him $6. Paid C. Lovel $5 on a bill of $13-20 leaving a balance of $8-20.

Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Katie Wood returned from N Bedford.

776. Called over to Charlie Paddack's; his wife is quite sick. Called on C.P. Gardner. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Arrived home about midnight. Turned in.

Wednesday.

25th Worked renailing the barn roof. Went quahanging at low tide and got a mess. Lydia went herrying and got 8 quarts. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

26th Busy on the roof. Put some pickle on some canada thistles. Lydia went herrying and got 8½ quarts.

Read a considerable in the evening. Turned in 9½ o'clock.

Friday.

27th Worked some on the barn roof. Gathered some cucumbers for pickles. After noon Lydia and I went herrying on Sands hills and Plainfield; we got about 5 quarts.

When we came home we found C.G. Macy and wife here also Lydia S Paddack. Charlie had gone clamming he returned pretty soon with about 6 quarts; had them boiled for supper. The company went away soon after. I did the chores. Turned in 8½ o'clock

Saturday.

28th Carted 3 loads of turf into the manure pen.

Mended the barnfloor in the cowstalls. J.J. Backus was over; he is sick with a cold. Hot low tide went to Polpis harbor and dug a bushel of clams. Did the chores.

Read until 9¼ o'clock then turned in.

1401. Sunday.

29th Went with the horse and brought the clams home.

Recieved a postal card from Martin L. White of Boston informing me that John L. Howard was better of his sickness.

Read some. Sim walked here last evening and Willie Myer came this morning.

Paul W. Clisby, his daughter Mary Pratt, and granddaughter Gertrude Clisby, and Eunice Waterman, came here and staid a couple of hours. Tim and Willie went berrying.

At lowtide I went to the east shore and dug near a bushel of clams. Tim and Willie rode to town with J. J. Backus after tea. Did the chores after dark.

Read some. Turned in about 8 3/4 o'clock.

Monday.

30th Wind S.E. Weather cloudy. Turned out at quarter of five o'clock — milked and eat breakfast — went clamming and dug more than a bushel — came home.

Chared around getting ready for a squantum. About 10 o'clock, Charles G. Macy and wife, Sidney Macy, wife and child came in one carriage. Paul Paddack and wife and young son, and Charles R. Paddack and wife came in another; Nathaniel Macy, wife and young son and George B. Paddack, wife and two children came in the third one; and in the party carriage "Squantum" driven by Laurie Hyres, came Charles H. Bailey, wife and daughter; Mr Williams, wife and Miss Smith of Springfield Rowland Macy and wife. Mary Frank Wyer and child, George B. Paddack, wife and two children. Mary Ann Chase and Mary Abby Chase came with Nat Macy instead of George B. and company. Paul and Nat and I went to the shore with Paul's team and brought the clams up

About a bushel and a half were opened for a chowder and about 1 o'clock we sat down to a mess of the real fine stuff; to which which we did ample justice — except Charles G. Macy who was rather unjust to himself by lading his receptacle for good things rather over and above its normal capacity. In fact Charles G. rather overeat; not remembering and keeping in his mind's eye the good old adage that "enough's as good as a feast" he recieved the punishment made and provided for such cases of dereliction from the known laws of animal economy, which he evinced by various rubbings and holding on of the

various parts which seemed to be in a suffering state.

After a while Charlie Paddock got his fiddle in tune, and struck up a lively jig.— a cotillion was formed and Charles G. being one of the set he was even forced to keep step to the music and after a while he fairly jigged his bad feelings away to the sweet strains of the fiddle. After the dancing was over the bake was made and in about 40 minutes after the fire was applied the clams were considered done fit for eating.— Then each and all were seated on the sward and it almost made one wish that they were a clam so as to be eaten in such lively company. Charles G. after helping the ladies; again went in for his share of the clams and he wanted no smaller dish, or parcel; but the whole of the bake; what was left of it, I mean, over which he stood and put clams into himself until he began to be fearful of the consequences of such a terrific eat, when he asked me. Bill do you think they'll hurt a fellow? Thunder, no Charlie, eat away. He ate he just did.

Previously Charles G. and Mrs. Williams had entered into a solemn compact; the conditions of which were,— if he would dance, she would sing. Charles G. having fulfilled his part of the contract in good style. (I really believe if he had not he would have become sick). she was rather unwilling to tune up her pipes of ivory, saying "She had a sore throat. Charles G. Charles R. and William G. resolved themselves into a committe on the case and came to the conclusion, that nothing less than a surgical operation would enable her to sing; and having procured such instruments as were deemed nescessary, which were a pair of rusty shoemaker's nippers, a paddle made out of a shingle and a huge jackknife; thus equipped they entered the party carriage where she was seated.

and explained to her the intended use of the instrument; which was; to remove the obstacle that prevented her singing. but she could not be prevailed upon to undergo the operation. It was therefore, after mature deliberation, considered best to forego our present pleasure and hold her to the contract for one year, at the expiration of which time if she did not then appear either in person or by proxy and carry out the agreement to the very letter, she should be given over to hardness of heart and be buffeted by Satan.

After the company had had some tea and cakes they started home near dark. I did my chores and
4402. after reading and writing some turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday Monday.

31st Wat and Sid Macy came here just before 5 o'clock and went to the stand that they made yesterday.

Lydia and I made preparations and just before we started for town Wat and Sid came up with some fine birds which they had shot. We arrived in town about 11 o'clock — sold all the butter — did my errands. took dinner at Sarah B. Woods — went to N. Waterman's store and recieved some money for fish that he had sold for me. Called at Paddack & Co's paint shop. took tea at Sarah B's. Called on Charlie Paddack, also on brother
777. Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Came home where we arrived about midnight Katie Wood came with us. Turned in soon after getting home.

September Wednesday.

1st Foggy in the morning. Chored around most of the day. Killing Canada thistles with brine.

Katie went berrying with Martha W Fish and got 4 quarts: she rode to town at night with S.J. Packers.

Read some and turned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

2d Chored around and wrote a letter to Martin L. White of Boston. Lydia went huckleberrying with M.W. Fish.

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and got about 4 quarts. Read some — turned in 8 o'clock

Friday.

5th " Near 7 o'clock George Sandford came here and I bargain with him to throw out peat for me; he could not begin today, because he wanted a lefthanded peat cutter.

Rode to the B. F. Swain farm to try and borrow one. Did not get any. Came back. Put a cutter blade in the cart and rode to town; — had the blade fixed — procured a poor piece of ash plank for a handle — took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's — Came home. Lydia gone berrying — began to make a peat cutter. Lydia came home with about 4 quarts of huckleberries — she has been out with Martha W. Wish. worked on the cutter until it was time to do the chores — did them. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

4th " John W. and Rowland Macy came here Wednesday forenoon; looking for Birds — (Plovers I mean)

Today I worked on the cutter until near night. Did the chores — read some, and am writing 8 o'clock.

44408. Quitted writing and turned in immediately after.

Sunday.

5th " Clear, fine weather. Wind N.W. cool and gentle.

Went over to John's and got his newspaper and read it. Put a flag on a staff; it is white; with "Martin L. White, Boston, Mass." painted on it in black. Henry Pollack painted the letters for me; gratis.

Laid around and read most of the day.

After tea Lydia rode with me to the highest hill on this part of the island, the hill bears somewhat east of south from our house, on the top of the hill. I planted the lower part of the flagstaff about 3 feet deep, and there left it with the flag flaunting in a strong sou'west breeze. Came home, Read some and turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

MARTIN L. WHITE, BOSTON, MASS.

Monday.

6th " George Sanford came here and eat breakfast then began to peat; I dug a bushel of potatoes and picked some cranberries. After George had dug out all the peat that was turfed off (14 loads) I helped tread and stick the bed.

Wat Macy, Son, and brother Sid came up here and went gunning on G.C. Gardner's west farm.

Charles G. Macy and Charles R. Paddock and their wives came here and took tea and started for home before dark. While I was milking Wat and Sid and the boy came up and had some supper here and went home. J.J. Backus called here since tea.

The members of the Masonic Fraternity are going to have a collation to night upon the occasion of a regular visit by the D.D.G. Master of this district. I wish I was there; but I ain't. nor can't be.

4454. After writing the above, turned in about 8 o'clock. Had one of my spells and turned out. Turned in after 10.

Tuesday.

7th " Cut the bed of peat down. Borrowed J.J. Backus's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town where we arrived about 11½ o'clock. Delivered the butter. 9 lbs.

Took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Put some cranberries in the stores to be sold. Carried the first bushel of potatoes.

After tea called over to Charles R. Paddock's and
778. at bro C.B. Gardner's. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Came home about 11½ o'clock. Opened a box of pears; that Ellis Jones sent us; it arrived in town last Saturday. Ate some of the pears; they were petted a considerable. Turned in about midnight.

Wednesday.

8th " George Sanford came up and turfed all day.

I picked half a bushel of cranberries and chored around some. Put the berries down to Abed B. Coffin's store by J.J. Backus. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.
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Thursday.

9th " George came up and carted out 11½ loads of wet
peat and we made them into a bed with the 4 that
52 loads. he carted yesterday. Charles S. Macy and Charles B.
Paddack and their wives rode here about 11 o'clock, morn'.
I picked cranberries until they came. After noon
helped tread the peat. George carted out 4 more loads.
Had potatoe chowder for dinner. Charlie Paddack
went claming at low tide and got a mess; had them
boiled for supper. Nat and Sid Macy, and Nat's boy.
came here and went down gunning. I saw
about a hundred plover to-day. Near sundown Charles
S. and company went to town. Nat and co went
about dark. F. F. Backus was over and staid til
9 o'clock. Turned in as soon as he went.

Friday.

10th " George came up and carted out 15 loads of wet peat.
I turfed off and we carted some of the turff
off. Stopped by a very heavy rain about 2½ o'clock.
Read and wrote some. George rode to town
4406. in the rain with S. H. Backus. Turned in ½ 1 o'clock

Saturday.

11th " Carted out a load of peat; then made that,
and the 4 that were carted Thursday, and the
52 loads. 15 which were got out yesterday into a bed.
John and S. H. Backus helped me stick it.
Joseph Mitchell and George Chadwick came
here in a horse and wagon about 11 o'clock morn'. and
drove some turkeys into our barn and caught
them: they went away about 5 o'clock 'eve'.
While I was milking: Hepsey P. Bunker, her
mother, Prince Waterman, and a daughter of George
Drew Coffin drove in here and staid a few
minutes. This after noon I carted off some
turf and cut the bed of peat down.
4407. Turned in about 8 o'clock

Sunday.

12th " George came here, while I was milking; for the purpose of treading bed that was trod yesterday. Dim came when George did; they took breakfast with us. Then went berrying. I went over to John's, and read his papers. Dim came home with about a quart of huckleberries. I gathered some cucumbers and pulled the yellow eyed beans. J.J. Backus has a company.

After noon picked some green cranberries; and carted those beans to the barn. J.J. Backus was here in the evening. Turned in just before 8 o'clock.

Monday.

15th " George came and had breakfast with us, then to peating. I helped cart off some turf, then picked some cranberries. Charles F. Swain, wife and child called here just before noon.

72 loads After George had carted out 20 loads of wet peat we trod and slicked it. After doing the chores and getting tea. I partly cut the bed of peat down by moonlight. J.J. Backus was up here and staid until 9 o'clock. I turned in soon after he went.

Tuesday.

14th " Finished cutting the bed of peat down.

Borrowed John's wagon, and Lydia and I rode to town where we arrived near 11 o'clock, morn'.

Delivered the butter — took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Woods.

Did my errands — recieved some money for cranberries sold — took tea at Sarah B.'s and fed the horse.

479. Called over to bro's Charles B. Paddock's and Charles F. Gardner's. Attended Lodge and Encampment in the evening. The Grand Officers of the G.C. were present on an official visit. viz. Thomas Hill M.W.G.P. Nathan Taylor. M.E.G.H.P. Lafayette Marshall R.W.G.S.W. Charles C. Perkins R.W.G.J.W. Nathaniel H. Very R.W.G.J.W. N.F. Greenleaf P.G.R. to G.L.U.S. I recieved a terrific blowing up from Grand Representative Greenleaf for the inefficient

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September. manner in which I did my work. I being Guide.

"Ιδιοις δε "μεριμνησεσι." After the meeting; adjourned to Brother John W. Macy's "Sherburne House" and partook of chowder of the very best kind and all the fixings thereunto belonging. Had a gay time. Lydia and I arrived home about 2 o'clock, morn'. Turned in.

Wednesday.

15th " Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to the head of the harbor — put up at Hon. W.W. Small's. In a short time after our arrival 4 boats came there from town and landed about 70 passengers, mostly Odd Fellows and their wives. Walked around; and had a look at the surf. Quite well into the afternoon we had a dinner of clam chowder, Lobster, cakes pies, baked clams and other drinkables and eatables. Had some dancing to the music of two fiddles, Ben Tobey and Lt. Freeman did the musick and Charlie Paddack, the calling: Patriarch Taylor B.H.P. drilled a number as an awkward squad in the encampment drill.

Soon after 4 o'clock, eve'. The passengers who came in the boats embarked and started for town, with a fine southerly breeze. On their leaving we who went in carriages harnessed up and left. We arrived home near 5½ o'clock, eve'. E.G. Backus had put the cows up for me. I milked and did the chores.

John called here on his way from town and left
1408. a letter from W. Coffin about 8 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Friday ~~Thursday~~, Came home about 7 o'clock.

17th " Carried John's wagon home and picked a peck of cranberries. Chored around some. Just at dark went over to John's and got "The New York Ledger" read a considerable. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday. ~~Friday~~

16th " Picked some cranberries before noon. After noon made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town Put the horse up — took tea at E.B. Woods.

Called over to bro Charles R. Paddock's. Attended R.D. Lodge in the evening; after meeting it rained,- Lydia and I went to Sarah B's, and turned in about 11 o'clock.

Saturday.

18th" Leveled the manure under the barn and carted and spread on it 2 loads of turf. After noon carted another load of turf same as before; carted a load of seaweed from the heap that was carted up to the north fence last year, and put the load north of the barn. Read some and turned in about 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

4409. 19th" Wind N.E. and very heavy accompanied by a powerful rain. Staid in the house most of the day reading and writing. Burned in about 8 o'clock.

Monday.

20th" Began to mow second crop in the north meadow; mowed about two thirds of an acre. read some after tea. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

21st" Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in J.J. Packus's wagon. Carried 16 lbs butter, - delivered some to customers, and put the remainder in Ulbed S. Coffin's store to be sold. Did my errands. Took my meals at Sarah B. Wood's. Played a few games of checkers with John Beebe and J. Frank Brown. Recieved a letter from sister Elizabeth.

Called on bro' Charles R. Gardner. Charlie Paddock went to sconsett yesterday - expected down this evening.

780. Attended Lodge in the evening; after the meeting went with Charlie Paddock over to Ben Wyer's and staid until 9 o'clock then Lydia called there, and we went to Sarah B's and got ready to come

4410. home - where we arrived about 11 o'clock. Turned in soon.

Wednesday.

22nd" Mowed in the north meadow all day, except doing the chores. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

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Thursday.

No gentleman called here wishing to buy cattle. I mowed in the north meadow until near 11 o'clock, at which time Lydia whisted for me to come to the house; which I did, and found Tim here; he having come for the purpose of informing us that our sister Eliza A. Bunker wife of Obed died this morning at 2 o'clock; she was as well as usual the preceding day, and attended to her household duties as she commonly did - retired for the night - and slept until near 11 o'clock, when she awoke and complained of a heavy pain between her shoulders. at quarter before 12 o'clock midnight she complained of her head - from that time until her death she was unconcious.

Lydia made arrangements for going to town at night. I mowed in the north meadow. Tim walked to town after I went to work.

Lydia rode to town at night with E. A. Backus.

J. J. Backus called here in the evening, also brother Wick and his little girl - lent him a scythe and he rode home. When John went home I went with him and brought home the "New York Ledger" newspaper and read it until after 9 o'clock then turned in. It was quite cold.

Friday.

24th

About 7 o'clock, morn' E. A. Backus brought Sarah B. and Katie Wood here. After helping some around the house I mowed in the north meadow, until I was called up to see Joseph Steingardt, who told me that the people wanted me to come to town as early as I conveniently can tomorrow.

After noon went over to John's and got the sulkey horse rake and raked all the hay in the north meadow into heaps. J. J. Backus spent the evening here.

Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

25th " Brother Nick returned the scythe. Made preparations and Sarah B. Katie and I rode to town, in F.J. Backus's wagon. Put the horse up and took dinner at Sarah B's.

Near 1 o'clock, eve' went over to Obed Bunker's and staid there. The funeral services consisted of singing a hymn, reading from the Sacred Scriptures; a short sermon; a prayer; and singing another hymn which was a favorite of Eliza's when she lived. I did not look upon the remains; because it leaves an impression on my memory which I do not like. I wish to remember my friends as I knew them in life which I cannot do if I see them after death, because their last appearance will intrude itself on my memory whenever I think of them. Her remains were buried in the north burial ground, near the gate at the north-east corner. After getting back to the house, I went down street,— returned in about half an hour. Had tea there with the relatives. The only blood relations present, of Obed were his daughter and granddaughter.

Lydia and I left there about 5 o'clock eve' and went Sarah B's and got ready and rode home where we arrived at quarter before eight o'clock. Milked, fed the 44 11. pig. Read a little eat something. Turned in at 9¼ o'clock. Had one of my spells and turned out. turned in again 10½ o'clock

Sunday.

26th " Wind S.W. had a spell of rain while I was milking. F.C. Backus and F. Barrett Jr and three boys came here and began to dig my potatoes; they dug 46 bushels and I carted them and put them into the cellar of the house. Stopped by the rain. After noon they came over and dug some more, rainy. They finished digging the potatoes, and took their part ⅛th amounting to 12 bush. and left here about dark to go to town.

F.J. Backus spent the evening here; he went home 44 12. about 9 o'clock. We then turned in.

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September 27th Monday.

Carted all the potatoes from the north lot and put them in the cellar. Thrashed out the yellow eyed beans. John W. Macy and another gentleman called here; they were looking for plover.

Afternoon John ground my scythe and I mowed in the meadow until Lydia called me, because Captain Edward C. Joy called here. I came up and staid till he went away; then I went back and mowed a little. Read and wrote some in the evening.

Turned in about 9 o'clock.

28th Tuesday.

Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's; then delivered the butter. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Did my errands. Played checkers with John Reeve. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Fed the horse. Called on Charlie Paddock and bro. Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s — changed my clothes. Got the horse — and Jim came home with us: where we arrived near 11½ o'clock. Turned in soon.

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29th Wednesday.

Wind easterly and very strong. Jim and I carted in the second crop from the north meadow; I raked it into heaps last Friday, and has lain so ever since; it was rather damp. After we had loaded the cart, we had G. C. Gardner's shearing paid and spread it over the load — drew it down tight and tied it. to prevent the hay from blowing off.

23 loads. 4 jags were carted making about 3 loads.

Afternoon I mowed some in the north meadow; and Jim raked there on the ground where we took the hay from. Lydia walked down to Abner B. Fish's. After tea Jim went to Mr. B. Fish's and returned with his mother near 8 o'clock. Turned in about 8½

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30th

Thursday.

Wind S.W. weather foggy. Mowed in the north meadow. Tim went graping.

After noon Tim walked to town and I mowed in the meadow. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

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Friday.

Weather foggy. Wind S.W. and heavy, by noon.

Went over to John's and he ground my scythe for me; while there saw his wife she returned from Providence R.I. last Wednesday.

Mowed some in the north meadow.

After noon mowed in the north meadow; while there went into a swampy place and picked a few cranberries from some vines that I put there, probably 10 years ago. Picked some cranberries to stew on the south hog. G.W. Backus has agreed to lay out my peat for $1, and one hen; his son Jimmie Allen has been laying it out all day. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

2d

Wind northerly, strong and cool. Weather clear.

Finished mowing in the north meadow and pulled the tree-beans; there was about 33 pods of them.

After noon raked and bunched all the second crop hay in the north meadow. Carried Geo C. Gardner's rake home, the one that I have been using. Paid G.W. Backus for laying out the peat. Turned in between 7 & 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

3d

Clear fine weather with a gentle breeze from the north. Went over to John's and read the newspapers. At low tide went to Squaw point and raked about half a bushel of quahaugs and brought them home. After noon carted in the remainder of the second crop from the north meadow. 1 jags the value of about 2 loads. Wind S.W. and blowing strong. finished carting about sundown. Cut the shores.

25 loads.

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Turned in about 8 o'clock.

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Monday.

Weather clear. Wind S.W. and strong.

After doing the chores, went on the marsh at Showaukemmo. mowed and brought home a load of salt grass by noon; put it in the front lot.

After noon made preparations and near 5 o'clock, Lydia and I started for town in the heavy cart having the ladders and haying tools with us; when we got as far as the Burgess brothers farm the wheels wanted greasing. procured some grease there — continued on and when we were near Benj^a Robinson's barn, left the tools and ladders there; and greased the axle.

Went to town; put our things into S.B.W.'s put the horse up — changed my clothes at S.B.'s

Attended Masonic Lodge in the evening.

Went to Sarah B's and eat supper — Called over to Charlie Paddock's and staid about an hour. Went to Sarah B's and turned about 10½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

5th " As soon after breakfast as Sim came to Sarah B's; he and I rode down to the salt marsh at Consuer, I went with the horse and cart across the creek to where I left the haying tools last night; went back to where Sim was; we went on the marsh mowed and got the hay off by noon; 3 small jags. Went to Sarah B's to dinner. Went down street. Put a shoe put on the horse's fore foot; he tore one off in the marsh, Did my errands. Lydia carried the butter to the customers.

Took tea at Sarah B's. Called on Bro. 782. Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B's and changed my clothes — Lydia went with me to get the horse. Put the things in the cart at Sarah B's and

went to where I left the haying tools and put them in the cart and the horse walked all the way home, where we arrived at 11-20 o'clock.

After putting the horse away, and taking the things out of the cart, went into the house & turned in.

Wednesday.

6th " Wind easterly; weather damp and cold.

Brother Charles Weick met me at the gate just as I was going out. Had a long talk with him. After which I went on to the marsh at Showawkemmo. Elmer S. Fish and his hired man Henry Holmes came there and helped me cut and cart home the grass which we had done by 4 o'clock, eve'. Cold damp weather. Our cattle broke into S. C. Gardner's corn field; drove them out and mended the fence. After having tea and doing the chores I read until 9 o'clock then turned in.

Thursday.

7th " Wind S. E. and weather rainy. J. J. Backus helped me get the heavy cart into the barn and I fitted a second hand axletree to it, that I bought in town, of Joseph Hamblin for 25 cts. Raining heavy.

Mended the fence east of the cranberry bog.

Went over to John's and borrowed some newspapers, read them until supper time, after that milked. Foggy.

Turned in about 8 o'clock. John was here in the eve'.

Friday.

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8th " Wind northerly weather clear. Gathered a Hubbard squash and cut it up for Lydia to cook. Gathered the seed cucumbers about 3 bushels, took the seed out of them.

Carted a load of turf and put it into the pig's pen. Carted the treenails, a heavy load; and put them in the northwest room of John's house.

Carried a bushel of potatoes over to John's, for him to carry to town and leave them at Nelson Waterman's store. Lydia has a very lame back.

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October. Read some through the evening. Turned in at 8:20 o'clock.

9th

Saturday.

9th Wind northerly, with clear weather.

R. C. Burgess called here yesterday; he wanted some cranberries. This morning helped Lydia some: then pulled a few beans and put the marrow squashes and some of the pumpkins in heaps.

After noon went quahanging, and dug about a peck; saw Harrison Gardner and three women at the shore digging clams; gave them some quahangs and brought the remainder home. Chored around a little. Read and wrote in the evening. Turned in at 9¾ o'clock.

Sunday.

10th Wind northeasterly; sun shining now, 9:55 o'clock. Went over to John's and read his newspaper and brought mine home. Mattie M. Fish and her brother Freddie came here after knives and forks. Tim; also Willie Wyer came here from town; they went graping, and Willie picked some cranberries in Fish's swamp.

I worked most of the day copying the Lodge work of Odd Fellowship in initials. Read some.

Tim and Willie started for town a foot about 4½ o'clock, eve; Abner G. Fish called here. Henry M. Holmes came here with a horse and took our cart for Abner to cart corn with tomorrow.

In the evening brother Charles Weick, wife and two children came here and staid a couple of hours; they live on the farm lately owned by Benj. C. Holmes. Brother Weick leaves the island tomorrow. Wrote some. Turned in about 9 o'clock. Lydia's back better.

Monday.

11th As soon as I could get ready I walked down to Abner G. Fish's and helped cart in corn; finished about 2 o'clock. Rainy wind N.E. Mended fence a little. Did the chores, and read some in the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

12th " Wind N.E. and rainy; the weather cleared by 10 o'clock, morn; Borrowed John's truck-wagon and Lydia and I rode to town in it. Carried the butter round. Mrs Jernegan quitted taking butter of us for the season. Did my errands. put my things into H.B. Wood's put the horse up, and eat dinner about 2 o'clock. Played a few games of checkers with John Reeve. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Charlie Paddock's, and at Nelson Waterman's store; also at Charles P. Gardner's. Attended Lodge and Camp 783. 441. in the evening. Arrived home 12=20 o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

13th " Clear fine weather; wind northerly. Helped Lydia Kept the cows in the north meadow, and cut up some corn. After noon Lydia and I. walked to Abner S. Fish's to a huskings; about 100 555. people were there. Husked all the corn. I came home and did the chores; then rode back with John and George H. Backus. Had a nice supper after which the company danced until after 10 o'clock. We came home and turned in. Very cool.

Thursday.

14th " First white frost. Wind N.E. weather clear. Worked most of the forenoon grinding and whetting Charles Starbuck's razor. After noon Lydia walked down to Abner S. Fish's. I wrote most of the time that she was gone; she returned about dark and brought me some pie. Wrote some. Turned in at 9½ o'clock

Friday.

15th " Wind N.E. weather cloudy. Kept the cows in the north lot. and cut up corn, until it began to rain, about 10 o'clock. Sharpened my sickle, and pitched some hay on the mow off the barnfloor. Raining all the after noon; staid in the house writing. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Saturday.

16th Wind N.E. and weather fair. Went quahanging and dug nearly a peck. Came home. Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn until I was drove out by the rain. Chored around a little and wrote some. Rainy all the afternoon just at sunset there was a double rainbow in
4418. in the east. Wrote most of the evening. Turned in at 10.

Sunday

17th Wind westerly and very heavy. Weather cloudy. Charles Starbuck came here and took his razor; when he went back Lydia went with him, for the purpose of going with his family to Capt E. C. Joy's this afternoon. Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn till noon. Washed out the cucumber seed. Wrote some—had dinner about 3 o'clock. Some cows went through the fence onto E. C. Gardner's west farm—brought them home off the east farm. Did the chores, mended the fence after dark.

Wrote until 8 o'clock then went to Capt Starbuck's went into the house and lit a lamp and read till the folks came home—Lydia and I rode to our home where we arrived about 10 o'clock. Eat a good supper that Mrs Joy sent me. Turned in. soon after

Monday.

18th Wind southerly; weather clear in the morning. Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn. Broke my sickle. Made a corn knife out of the pointed end of a scythe. Had the piece fitted to drive into a handle, sometime ago. Got the peathouse ready to receive peat. After noon carted into
5 loads. the peathouse 5 loads of peat. it is very crumbly because we have had so much rain on it.

Read some in the evening. Turned in 9 o'clock

Tuesday.

19th Wind easterly and foggy. Got ready and Lydia

and I rode to town in a wagon that I borrowed from the eastern farm. Carried 4 lbs of butter. Carried the butter to the customers. Put over things into Sarah B Wood's. took dinner there — Harnessed the horse and carried a chest of drawers from Paddock's & Co's paint shop to the Lodge room. Drizzly weather. Did my errands. Put the horse up. Called over to Paddock's and loafed around town street. Took tea at Sarah B's. Called over to Paddock's and at Charles W. Gardner's.

7 52. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went over to C.W.G. Paddock's with him and we had a good talk until near 11 o'clock at which time I went to Sarah B's. — changed my clothes and Lydia and I went to the barn, harnessed the horse — put our things into the wagon at Sarah B's — came home where

4 41 9. we arrived after 11 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

20th Wind easterly, weather foggy, cloudy and clear; at night wind N.W. weather clear.

Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn.

5 55 Lydia went to a husking at Jacob B Gibbs' about noon with Abner S. Fisher and wife.

6 loads After noon I carted in 6 loads of peat, did the chores. G.M. Backus took the wagon away.

Read and wrote some in the evening. Lydia came home soon after 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Thursday.

21st Wind east northerly. weather cloudy. Kept the cows in the north lot; and cut up corn there.

8 loads After noon carted in 8 loads of peat. About sundown Lydia and I rode to town with George M. Backus. Walked from near his house to Sarah B. Wood's — changed our clothes; and went to the Lodge room and attended the regular meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah. After meeting went to Sarah B's.

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October. After eating something. We turned in near 11 o'clock.

Friday.

22d Wind westerly; and weather clear. Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn there.

Soon after noon Lydia walked to our front gate and asked Lewis wife of Benj Wyer to give her a ride as far

SSS as Oliver C Bakers's we were invited to a huskking there; she got into the wagon and I presume rode

11 loads. there. I carted in 3 loads of peat; and did the chores

Two pedlars drove in here with dry goods for sale.

Read and wrote until Lydia came home about 9.

4420. o'clock. Turned in soon after she came home.

Saturday.

23d Wind S.W. and quite strong; weather clear. Foggy in the morning. Kept the cows in the north lot a

couple of hours; and finished cutting up the corn.

15 loads Cut and put into the peathouse 4 loads of peat. Did the chores. Wrote a little and read some.

Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

24th Wind easterly with signs of rain.

1 Kept the cows in the north lot, and whittled out a handle to corncutter. I make the handles similar

6 loads. to that of an axe. Carted into the barn 3 loads of corn. Went gudgeanging and brought home a

peck. It began to rain. J. J. Bakers called here; he came from Providence R.I. yesterday. Wrote and

read some in the evening. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Monday.

25th Wind N.W. and weather foggy. Kept the cows in the north lot; and made another handle.

17 loads. Carted in 2 loads of peat. Carted from the north lot the remainder of the corn, and put it in the

front lot; because I want to put the cattle into

9 loads. the north lot. 9 loads of corn. J. J. Bakers carried Lydia's sister to town about sundown.

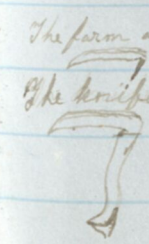
Read and wrote some in the evening
Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

26th Wind easterly; and weather cold and cloudy.
Put the cows in the north lot and shut the gate. Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon — delivered the butter. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house — put the horse up. Took dinner with Sarah B. and Katie. After noon did my errands; and helped Charlie B. Paddock put two carriages and a dary into his blacksmith shop: the carriages we dragged from Paddock & Co's paint shop to Charlie's Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Charlie Paddock's; and brother C. P. Gardner's.
1885. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. R.W.D.
Went to Sarah B.'s and Lydia and I turned in 10 o'clock.

Wednesday.

27th Through the night the weather was dark rainy and blowy. Turned out before 6 o'clock — got the horse — put the things in the wagon at Sarah B.'s and came home where we arrived soon 7 o'clock. Wind N.W. and very heavy rain clouds; toward noon it cleared and the wind blew strong.
Chored around and husked a little corn.
About 1½ o'clock Emily Jane Snow came here in a horse and wagon, with her 3 children.
Wrote some — Husked some corn in the barn
Yesterday I carried the points of two scythes. (they were about a foot long) to the blacksmith's and had a spike drawn out on the end of each so as to be able to drive them into the handles that I made Sunday and Monday last; fitted one of the handles to one of the blades. Emily and her children left here for town about sundown. Did the chores.
4.21. Read and wrote some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.



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14 loads.

Thursday.

Wind northerly, strong and cold. Weather clear.
Carted into the peat house 2 loads of peat.
Ben Wyer and his son Willie went to his swamp and Willie brought their horse and put him in our barn. At 11 o'clock I rode to the swamp and inquired of Ben about the funerals of my masonic brother Wm H. Coffin, who died last Tuesday morning. He told me the funeral would take place this afternoon. I made preparations and left our house about noon. Rode to town — put my horse in Sarah B Wood's yard — changed my clothes — went to the Lodge room — the Lodge was organized and went to the Baptist Church on Summer street where divine services were performed over the body; thence we attended it to its last resting place in the Unitarian burial ground; where the burial service of the Masonic Order was performed, decently and in order — Returned to the Hall and the Lodge was closed. I went to Sarah B's — changed my clothes and came immediately home; where I arrived about 6 o'clock, eve: J. J. Backus had put my cows in the barn for me. — Made a fire and did the chores. John told that Lydia went to town with Ben Wyer about 3 o'clock. She went to visit at an exhibition ball by the scholars of Mrs Smith's dancing school. I knew that she was going. Eat my supper and read and wrote some in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

29th
Wind easterly, strong and cold; heavy clouds all day.
After doing the chores and getting my breakfast carted in two loads of peat. Joseph Stairgardt brought Lydia home soon after noon. I carted in
12 loads. the last load of peat; there is a little more left on the ground too wet to come in. Carted to the barn the

pumpkins, squashes and the marrow squashes, about 100 of them.
Had supper and did the chores. Wrote some, read a little
4422. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Saturday.

30th Wind easterly, strong and cool; Weather cloudy.
Leveled the manure under the barn and covered it with 9 loads of turf which I carted from the south lot. The turf is some that was taken off of the meadow where we dig our peat. I cleaned out the cookstove and moved it into the back room and made a fire in it. Did the chores, and am now writing at the old mahogany desk which was made by Elihu Colman who was born on the 12th day of the 12th month in the year 1699. 8 o'clock, eve. it has been raining sometime with a strong easterly wind. Read until near 10 o'clock, then turned in. William B. Starbuck.

Sunday.

31st Rt has rained a considerable through the night. Today the wind is N.W. strong and cool. Weather quite pleasant. After doing the chores went over to John's and read his paper. Read and wrote
4423. most of the day. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

November.

Monday.

1st A gale of wind from the N.W. and very cold. Husked some corn in the barn. Borrowed a book of Indian stories of John and read a considerable in it. Finished it in the evening. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

2d Wind northerly strong and cold; weather clear. Made preparations; borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town, where we arrived 10½ o'clock. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's. Delivered the butter. 17½ lbs. Eat dinner at Sarah B's. Did my errands. Saw Charlie R. Paddock in town; he moved to Peoria last Saturday.

1875.

November. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Fed the horse with some corn that I brought from home. Played a few games of checkers with John Beebee in Bones' shop.

Called on brother Charles P. Bardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s and 786. got ready. Lydia went with me to the barn to get the horse; rode back to Sarah B.'s — put our things in the wagon and came home, where we arrived at 11½ o'clock. Made a fire and warmed ourselves; then turned in. I have the backache, bad.

Wednesday.

3d " Wind northerly and cold. Weather nearly clear. Quite thick ice last night. Chored round a little and helped Lydia churn. My back is very lame. Went over to John's and got some newspapers to read; read most of the afternoon; then again I carried some milk over there toward night, for John to carry to town and sell to a customer who he has there, and for which Lydia receives 2 cts per quart. Read some. Turned in about ½ o'clock.

Thursday.

4th " Wind easterly and light. Weather cloudy with appearances of rain. Went with the horse and cart down to the farm of D. W. & R. C. Burgess and bought some wheelgrease for which I paid 2 cts. Went from there across the creek to where I deposited my salt hay on the fifth of October last and brought the hay across the creek at 2 jags. It began to rain about 11 o'clock. Loaded all the hay on the cart and brought it home in the rain; put it in the barn — had dinner at 12½ o'clock. My back is very lame, rubbed 4424. it with rum. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

Friday.

5th " Phebe Coffin Jones is 24 years old today. Wind N.W. light; weather clear before noon. Chored around and husked a little corn.

Hfter noon weather lovely. Carted in the salt hay from the front lot; there was four loads of it.

Chored around a little and stowed the hay. Back very lame and painful. J.J. Backus spent the evening here until 8½ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Saturday.

6th " Wind easterly and light. Weather clear and pleasant.

Carted in all the corn from the front lot. 4 loads.

Near 1½ o'clock, after noon, Martha W. Fish came here. I have been husking corn in the barn.

Martha's little boy Freddie came here, and they went home, about 3½ o'clock. Martha took some old newspapers to read. While I was milking about dark, Mr Edward Baden and wife, came here from Hoosuwa.

We spent a very pleasant evening until near 9 o'clock talking and playing checkers. Lent them some old newspapers to read. Very pleasant weather when they

4425. left here for home. Turned in soon after they went.

Sunday.

7th " It is now a perfect calm and the harbor is as smooth and shines like a mirror. The hills and shores are refected on it with beautiful accuracy.

Went over to John's and read his newspaper; to mine and came home. Tim was here eating breakfast; having walked from town. Chored around some.

My back is not so bad as it has been.

About noon, Lydia and I left home and rode over to Capt Edward C. Jay's at Pconsett. Borrowed John's wagon to go with. I have to borrow it every time that Lydia and I go anywhere; because my light cart wants repairing. I left Lydia at Capt Jay's and rode to Charlie R. Paddock's, in the village; he and I had a walk around, and looked at Mr Flagg's new house. Robert B. Coffin gave me a sheep's harslett.

Rode back to Capt Jay's and found C. Starbuck and his two daughters, E.C. Morris, wife and daughter in law

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November. Lucy, and D.W. Burgess, wife and daughter there. We talked until supper time; they had a real nice meal; after which, we passed a pleasant evening until 9 o'clock, when we all left for home: with the exception of David, wife and daughter who went about 9 o'clock.

When we arrived home, we found John had done

1126. the chores and Dim had gone home. Turned in soon.

Monday.

8 " Wind easterly; Weather cloudy. John came over with his horse and took the wagon. Husked some corn. Helped John load some hay. John Prouty's wife comes here very often from the other house to get milk; she is boarding there with her baby.

Husked some corn in the barn — Our cattle broke into George C. Gardner's east farm through our fence; drove them out and mended the fence.

Read some. Turned in near 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

9 th " Wind N.E. Weather squally. Went over to John's and borrowed his wagon and harness; dragged it through the bars. Lydia and I made preparations and rode to town. Delivered the butter; we carried 11lbs. Took dinner at Sarah B. Woods. Did my errands.

Had a talk with Henry Paddock, about a design that I have conceived for an apparatus to be propeled on the surface of the water, on revolving hollow, airtight cylenders. Played checkers with J. Frank Brown. Took tea at Sarah B's.

7 84. Called on brother Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Presided as C.P. Confered the M.D. on John H. Coffin. Went to Sarah B's — changed my clothes — brought the horse. Rainy. Put the things in, and Lydia and I came home. Rain squalls. Had one of my spells, and had to stop on the road, at the turn, near Shewsbury creek, and get out of the wagon and ease myself.

4427. Retired home at 11 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

10th " Wind S.E. Weather cloudy; it began to rain at 2 o'clock. Husked corn in the barn most of the day. Read some. Turned in about 7 o'clock. Blowing strong, raining.

Thursday.

11th " Wind N.W. very strong. Weather clear.

Husked corn most of the day. Read some in the evening. Began to make a cap out of sheepskin. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

12th " Wind westerly. Weather clear and mild.

Husked corn most of the day. J.J. Backus was here in the evening. I worked on my cap and

4428. read a little. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Saturday.

13th " Wind S.W. and gentle. Weather clear and mild.

Husked corn most of the day. Put 4 panes of glass, 2 in the house and 2 in the barn. John Prouty's wife came here and bid Lydia good bye.

Read some in the evening and worked at making a forepiece to my sheepskin cap; it did not suit me, and I did not put it on the cap.

Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

4429.

14th " Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Went over to John's and got the newspapers. Read some. Tim and Willie Wyer walked here before noon. J.J. Backus called here. Read most of the day. Tim and Willie left here about 3 o'clock for town. Rainy.

Read and wrote some in the evening. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Monday.

15th " Wind north, easterly. Weather a drizzling rain till near sundown at which time the sun appeared.

Husked corn most of the day. Read some. Put a forepiece to my new cap. J.J. Backus was here in the evening. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

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Tuesday.

Weather clear. Wind S.E. Borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town in it. Delivered the butter. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's. Eat dinner there. Did my errands. Played a few games of checkers with Jonnie Frank Brown and Daniel Whitney. Called down to Paddock & Co's paint shop. Rainy. Took tea at Sarah B's. Fed the horse; when I went back to Sarah B's. I carried from Octavus Lewis's store, some bedding that Lydia had taken from Wm H. Caswell's house, belonging to us. Carried some butter to Nelson Waterman's store for him to sell for us. Called on brother Charles F. Gardner.
7866. Stopped into Dr Ellis's office Rainy. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B's, and waited for the
4480. weather to clear; when it did we came home. Turned in 12 o'clk

Wednesday.

17th " Wind N.W. and very strong. Weather clear and cold. Worked in the house all day, mending my mittens, skin coat, fixing my cap, and making a pair of sheepskin mittens. Began to feed the cattle at night. Read some of the "New England Odd Fellows" which were sent me by Dr Joseph Austin of Lawrence, Mass. Burned in about 8 o'clock.

4481. Thursday.
18th "

Wind and weather, same as yesterday. Finished those sheepskin mittens. Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town. Put the horse up. Went back to Sarah B's, and changed my clothes. Mailed a periodical to Wm H. Caswell. Called over to Charlie Paddock's; they have not returned from Iconium. Stopped into Dr Ellis's office. Attended Rebekah Degree Lodge. After the business of the meeting had been regularly gone through; the announcement was made by the committee of entertainment, that a box containing envelopes, and each envelope holding a certain article. Each brother was invited to buy

an envelope and the contents, for 25 ct; we all bought the one of our choice and on opening them we found a strip of calico, silk or other light material: the strips were about 5 inches in width and two yards long.

After opening and examining the contents of our parcels; each brother searched among the sisters until he found one whose strip matched the one which he had come in possession of; and having found her; she tied his strip on his left arm above the elbow he's lieing on her right arm. I found my strip to correspond with sister Amelia Freeman, who graciously accepted of my escort, We were formed into a line and the door of the south room was opened and we went in, in couples and seated ourselves at two well set and bountifully supplied tables; and we did ample justice to the good things which were set out for our inspection by the committee of Entertainment. With hilarity and good feeling prevailed and each vied with the other in striving to make the occasion as pleasant as possible. After an hour spent at the tables; the officers resumed their stations and the Lodge was closed in due form. Lydia and I walked to Sarah B's; and made preparations and came home where we arrived about 11 o'clock. Turned in immediately.

Friday.

19th Wind westerly, and quite strong; weather clear. Carted 3 loads of seaweed from near the north fence of the farm; where it was put last year; put one load around the west cellar of the house; and the other two north of the barn to be used as bedding for the horses. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

20th Finished husking the corn. rather a small crop I have not any more than a cartload of ears in the whole crop. Small enough! Whew, Chored around, made a stanchion, made some blocks to set the parlor stove on. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

4482. Had one of my steers turned out. Turned in about 10 o'cl

November.

Sunday.

21st Wind S.E. Weather cloudy. Near 2 o'clock eve it began to rain. Laid around most of the day reading. Martha W. Fish called here near 2 o'clock, eve. rainy. J.J. Backus called here after tea and staid until 8 o'clock, eve. Turned in soon after John left.

Monday.

22nd Wind N.E. and strong. Weather clear. Chored around a little. Cated 3 loads of turf into the manure pen under the barn. Cated some stones and placed them at the lower barn-door and covered them with soil.

4½ Richard C. Burgess came and carried over pig away to be killed. After tea Elmer S. Fish and wife and their little boy Freddie came here and staid until 8 o'clock then walked home. Turned in soon after.

Tuesday.

25th Wind south easterly. Weather cloudy.

Mad preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon. Delivered the butter, 8 lbs. 41 cts pr lb. Put our things into Sarah B.'s. Took dinner there. Did my errands. Saw Charlie R. Paddock; he and his wife came from Prescott today. Visited at Sarah B.'s. Called over to bro Paddock's. Called on bro Charles P. Gardner also on Dr Ellis for his opinion of what the matter with my stomach. Rainy.

789. Attended Lodge in the evening "initiation": also attended Camp. After the meetings; I went with bro Paddock to his house and staid there until 11 o'clock; when I

4488. went to Sarah B.'s. Rainy. Turned in soon after getting there.

Wednesday.

26th Wind W.W. and comfortable. Weather clear and bright by morn. Turned out and got the horse and wagon. Went to the Union store and took a pork barrel which I had bought, and went to Sarah B.'s; put our things into the wagon and Lydia and I came home where we arrived a 10 o'clock morn'. After eating breakfast and doing the

chores; went over to John's and cut up my hog. It had been carried there from Richard's by George & Backus.

After noon carried John's wagon home and brought the pork back; except the hams which John will carry to town for me to have them smoked. Salted the pork in the barrel that I brought up this morning.

Soon after 3 o'clock eve, Lydia rode to town with John for the purpose of attending a dance, which the members of Island Lodge D of R were invited to participate in by sister Mary Lizzie Smith this evening.

After doing the chores; read until 8 o'clock, then turned in.

Thursday.

25th Wind northerly quite strong; and weather clear. Thanks-giving day. Did the chores and eat breakfast; went over to John's and recieved a couple of lemons which he bought for me in town. Lydia carried 13 eggs to town with her last night to sell; the first that we have had for sometime; They are worth 40 cts per doz. Chored around a little. Read some. J. J. Backus called here and staid a couple of hours. Read until near 9 o'clock; then turned in.

Friday.

26th Wind southerly, and quite strong. Weather clear. After milking; cooked my breakfast and eat it. Chored around some. Lydia came home about 9 o'clock; having ridden from town with Jimmie Backus son of George A. Milked the cows about 3 o'clock, and then made preparations, and Lydia and I rode to town in our heavy cart. Left the things at Sarah B.'s; fed the horse up; went back to Sarah B.'s and we took tea there. Changed my clothes and went over to Charlie Paddock's, and staid until near 8½ o'clock. Rainy.

Attended special sessions of the Camp. Chop his head off! All three degrees were confered. After meeting went with Charlie over to his brother Paul's. Rainy. Saw Miss Egan there; she is sister to Paul's wife; left there shortly after

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10 o'clock, and went to Sarah B.'s Rainy Turned in soon after.

Saturday.

4434. 27th Wind Northerly. Weather clear. Got ready and came home - eat breakfast and milked. Cut up the leaf lard and the gutfat. Mended the go-in place at the north barn-door. Had dinner about 3 o'clock.

Now use by the doctor's recommendation the juice of lemons to make a drink of and take
4435. it with my meals. Read some. Turned in about 8.

Sunday.

28th Wind easterly; weather pleasant. Read and laid around most of the day. After noon Lucy Anna and Sarah Morris came here with Edward's team and staid a couple of hours. J. J. Bakers came over here after tea and staid until near 8 o'clock. We turned in soon after John went.

Monday.

29th Wind westerly and very strong. Weather clear.

Spread the manure under the barn and covered it with 5 loads of turf which I carted from the heap in the front lot. Sarah Bakers came over here and borrowed some kerosene. Lydia gave her two letters for John to mail tonight when he goes to town; she also gave here Johns newspaper. In going home the wind blew the letters and paper out of her hands when she was getting through their bars; she picked the letters up and went into the house.

I went over and looked for the paper and found it outside of their front fence nearly a quarter of a mile from their house; gave it to Sarah, and came home.

Wind N.W. and blowing a gale. Weather very clear.

Read some in the evening. J. J. Bakers was over here in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

30th Wind northerly, very strong and cold; weather clear. Lydia and I rode to town in

John's wagon; we arrived there at 12½ o'clock. Put the things into Sarah B. Ward's. Put the horse up. Carried the letter round by hand. Sells at 40 cts pr lb. Sold my eggs at 40 cts pr dozen. Eat dinner at Sarah B's. After noon did my errands. Took tea at Sarah B's and fed the hens. Called over to Paddock's and Bro' Gardner's and the doctor's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went over to Paddock's with him. Received a call from Ellie B. Coffin; carried her over to Sarah B's about 11 o'clock and put her in the cellar. Wind northerly, strong. Weather very cold. Thermometer down to 9°. Burned in just before 11 o'clock.

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Wednesday.

Wind northerly, strong. Weather cold, Therm't.

Bought a few things at the Union store.— Took breakfast at Sarah B's; after which Lydia and Deane home. John had made a nice fire in our cookstove for us. Chored around most of the day— mended a small place on the kitchen roof with shingles. Let John's cattle out at noon and put them up at night. Read some in the evening. John came over and staid a couple of hours.

4436. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

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Thursday.

2d " Wind northerly; weather clear, cold and pleasant; we had a slight fall of snow yesterday morning. the first snow. Chored around— wrote a letter to Ellis Jones and got John to mail it— put a damper in the pipe of the cookstove. Read some.

Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

3d " Wind northerly and light. Weather pleasant. Went over to John's house and threshed my buckwheat which were deposited there. Did the chores. I have been an Odd Fellow 25 years tonight.

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December. Read some in the evening. John was over until 9 o'clock. Took some hot rum and water & turned in.

Saturday.

4th " Wind northerly, light and mild; weather clear and pleasant. The harbor has been fogen over since last Tuesday. Carted my beans and the pods from John's; he helped me load them.

Carted a load of seaweed and put it in the barn at the south door of the cowstable.

Patched a few shingles on to the east side of the barn. Carted another load of seaweed and put it in the barn with the other.

Read in the evening until about 10½ o'clock, at which time Sarah B. and Katie Wood came here with J. J. Backus. Turned in soon after.

4088. Had one of my fits and turned out-turned in again.

Sunday.

5th " Almost calm; weather very pleasant; white frost.

Lydia and I have been married 25 years today.

Cleared up the upper barn floor and shoveled around some. Went over to John's and read his newspapers. Read some in the evening.

Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

6th " Wind easterly. Weather cloudy in the morning but cleared toward night. Made some pickle and put it into the pickle barrel. Winnowed the treebeans. I have about 3 bushels off of 30 rods.

About 1 o'clock we Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came here; they were soon followed by Edward C. Jay, wife and daughter Mary. Edward C. Harris and wife. Ben Wyer, wife and son and daughter, and Eliza Burgess. Charles F. Ray, wife and wife's sister, Hopa Louisa Lewis. Emily Jane Snow, son and daughter, Hopestill Mary and Hopey N. Bunker. Dow walked from

town; Martha W. Fish and son came along with Dimon Abner S. Fish came toward night. She & that were here made the number up to 29 souls.

It being the day on which we celebrat our silver wedding, quite a number of presents were recieved by my wife. I was the recipient of a goodly quantity of tobacco. Some of those who were invited did not come; but sent nice presents.

In due time, about dark, we sat down to a nice supper of roast pork, and all the other things which are generally put on the table on such occasions, and for near an hour we passed the time very agreeably. After the tables were cleared and things made snug by the women; the smokers paid great attention to their usual habits by making more smoke than fire. When we told yarns, anecdotes &c and an occasional song from the young people of the party interspersed with gossip by the older ones, we passed a real pleasant time until those going to town began to muster their forces for that undertaking; after they were underway, those who live out of town remained until near 10 o'clock when the last of the silver weddeners wended their way home. Lydia and Sarah B. washed some of the dishes. We all turned in before midnight.

Tuesday.

7th " Wind S.W. Weather Cloudy. Made preparations and Sarah B., Katie, Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah B's. — fed the horse up. Delivered the butter, 1½ lbs. Did my errands. Played checkers with John Beebe. Took tea at Sarah B's. Fed the horse. Called over to C. P. Paddock's C. S. Barber's and to Dr Ellis's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B's and changed my clothes; got the horse and Lydia and I came home where we arrived about 11 o'clock. Turned in quick.

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8th "

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Wind N.E. Weather thick, rainy and cold.
Worked at making a pair of mittens for Minnie
Clyde Gardner daughter of Charles W & Lydia
Walked down to W.S. Fish's and procured a piece
of red flannel to line those mittens with.
Read some in the evening. Burned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

9th " Wind northerly; weather cloudy; with drizzle occasionally
Went over to John's and helped him get the load
of hay out of the barn that we loaded yesterday.
Let his cattle out and cleaned their stall out.
Let the colts out. Worked on those mittens. Rilled
and skinned a cat that Willie Wyer furnished.
Robert F. Kent called here with a book for
which he is soliciting subscriptions; did not subscribe.
Lydia walked down to W.S. Fish's; after noon.
I read most of the afternoon and after doing
the chores I walked down to Stoners and took tea
with them, and spent the evening until 9 o'clock,
then Lydia and I came home. Turned in soon.

Friday.

10th " Wind northerly weather cloudy. Helped John
load some hay and let his cattle out for him.
Worked on those small mittens. and read some.
J.J. Beckus came here after tea and staid until
near 9 o'clock then went home. We turned in soon after.

Saturday

11th " Wind W.N.W and light; weather clear and pleasant.
Worked on those mittens. Went over to John's and
borrowed a couple of porcelain nest eggs. Yesterday
Charlie Folger came here and borrowed a book giving
an account of the suffering of soldiers in the Southern
prisons during the "Rebellion". Read a considerable
through the day. Toward night the weather
became cloudy and we had a small flight of snow.

Read through the evening, and turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

12th " Wind southerly. Weather fine, with light flecy clouds. Went over to John's and read his newspapers. Recieved a complimentary card of invitation to "social entertainment of Pioneer Council No. 1 sons of Jonadab." supposed to have been sent by D. J. Starbuck from Boston. Soon after noon Lydia walked into Salem. Read some. After doing the chores I rode to Ed. C. Morris's and Lydia was there — had some supper — took my horse out and put him up. Ed and I went to the "Shanty" and staid about an hour — went back, and, at 9 o'clock left for home; where we arrived before 10 o'clock. Turned in soon.

4441.

Monday.

13th " Wind westerly. Weather cloudy — had a squall of hail. Began to copy the geneological history of the Coffin family into my large books; copied two pages into the books. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

14th " Wind N.W. strong and cold; weather clear, nearly. Made preparations — borrowed John's wagon, and Lydia and I rode to town — put our things into Sarah B. Woods house — carried a bed to Nelson Watermans to go to W. Coffin in Brockton — put the horse up, took dinner at Sarah B.'s — did my errands — called at the paint shop of Paddack & Co. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Fed the horse. Called over to Charli Paddack's. C. B. Gardners and the

7992. doctors. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s — changed my clothes — Lydia went with me to get the horse — put our things in at Sarah B.'s and came home where we arrived about 11 o'clock. Turned in without making a fire. Very cold wind N.W.

4442.

Wednesday.

15th " Wind N.W. strong and cold. Weather clear. Coughed 5 times last night after going to bed. Wrote in the record most of the day. Saw some cows down by the Burgess farm —

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December. - rode down there and found that they were not over- walked back; because I had chafed myself too bad to ride. Our cows were in the north lot. Toward night Lydia rode to town with J. J. Backus. She went for the purpose of attending a dance. Wrote in the record and read some in the evening. Burned in alone about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

16th " Wind westerly; Weather mild. Drove three of our cows down to the Burgess brother's farm - left one to be slaughtered - drove the other two back. Wrote in the record.

Made preparations, and about 4 o'clock, rode to town in the heavy cart - put the horse up. Went to Sarah B. Wood's and changed my clothes. Went to the Lodge room and at 6 o'clock the brothers and sisters who were there sat down to a pic nic supper the committee of entertainment furnishing the tea, sugar and milk.

After tea about 7 o'clock called the Lodge to order and the Officers were elected. Went to Sarah B's - changed my clothes and Lydia went to the barn with me - harnessed the horse and we rode home where we arrived
4444. at midnight. Burned in immediately

Friday.

17th " Wind westerly; weather lowery. Writing in the record most of the day. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

18th " Wind N.W. and strong. Weather clear and cold Went to the Burgess brother's farm and brought my beef home; delivered a fore quarter to John J Backus. Copied in the record the rest of the day and evening. Burned in about 8½ o'clock. William B. Starbuck.

4445.

Sunday.

19th " Wind N.W. and strong. Weather very cold. Went over to John's and borrowed his paper and brought mine home. Wrote some in the record. Read some Dim came home about 3 o'clock. he says, to stay some time: he has been helping Nelson Waterman

keep store since last March. We have had a fire in the parlor all day. G.G. Backus was here in the evening.
Burned in about 9 o'clock. Very cold.

Monday.

20th Wind N.W. very strong. Weather very cold. Thermometer at 0. In the parlor writing in the Record most of the day. Helped G.G. Backus load some hay. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

21st Wind S.W. and moderate. Weather mild.
Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon. Put our things into Sarah B.'s. Put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands. Sold a pound and a half of butter at 40 cts lb. also 16 eggs at 36 cts per dozen. Played checkers with George H. Gardner. Saw Charlie Paddock at the paint shop. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Fed the horse. Called over to C.R. Paddock's and Charles W. Gardner's. Bought this ink
793. at Ulysses E. Coffin's on Centre street. Attended Lodge and Degree meetings in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s ~~changed~~ & Lydia and I went and got the horse. went back, put our things in the wagon and came home. quite dark.
4446. Arrived here about 11½ o'clock. Burned in soon after.
Had one of my spells and turned out. Burned in again about 1 o'clock.

Wednesday.

22d Wind westerly and moderate. Weather clear and pleasant. It rained a considerable last night after we got home.
Writing in the Record. Linn walked to town soon after noon. Lydia and I made ready and rode to Ed C Morris's. Capt E.C. Joy, wife and daughter Mary were there; Charles Starbucks two daughters Etta and Ella also. Charles Chadwick and wife; Edward Boden and wife; Joseph Steingardt, wife and daughter came, also Charles Stirbrick. Lucy Ann Morris was there. About dark had a nice roast pork supper. Spent a real pleasant evening and came home near 10 o'clock. Burned in immediately G.G. Backus milked for me at night.

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Thursday.

24th Wind westerly. Weather moderate. Wrote some in the record Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

25th Wind westerly; weather moderate Wrote in the record most of the day and the evening. J. J. Backus spent the evening here; and when he went home about 9 o'clock; it snowed Turned in soon after John went home.

Saturday.

25th Snow laying on the ground. Wind westerly. Weather damp, drizzly and uncomfortable. Writing in the record. Willie Ware came here about noon having walked from town; near 3 o'clock he and Tim walked to Tolpis. After supper Lydia and I rode to the schoolhouse at Tolpis: put the horse in C. C. Morris' barn. attended at the schoolhouse: where there was singing, recitations &c, A collation was given and the presents were distributed from the Christmas tree. Frederick Parker who lives at Quidnit sang a couple of songs; very well for a man of his age, he being about 75 years old. After the performance; we came home where we arrived very soon after 9 o'clock. Wrote some and turned in about 10 o'clock.

4447.

Sunday

26th Calm in the morning. Weather clear and pleasant. Wrote some in the record. Tim and Willie walked to Tolpis about noon. Made preparations and Lydia and I rode in the cart to Charles Starbuck's. Capt. C. C. Gere, wife and daughter; and Tim and Willie were there. I sharpened Charles's razors, we all had tea about dark. Spent a pleasant evening and Tim and Willie rode home with us, where we arrived about 10=20 o'clock. Turned in immediately. Weather drizzly.

4445.

Monday

27th Wind westerly. Weather rainy. Wrote in the record. J. J. Backus brought me a note; which Senior Warden Hager brought him yesterday; it was from W.m C. L'Hommedieu. announcing the death of our brother Odd Fellow Edward F Easton; he died in Chicago Ill., last Thursday.

The wind came N.W. and the weather cleared soon after noon. Made preparations and rode to town in the cart put the horse up, and went to the Lodge room and at the proper time the brothers dressed in the regalia prescribed for such occasions walked to the steamboat landing and after her arrival and the body had been placed in the hearse; we followed it to the house on North shore hill known as the "Ruth Edger house" into which the body was carried, and where the Rev^d Mr Whipple performed the funeral services; after which the body was again placed in the hearse by the brothers. The cortege was formed and we proceeded along Centre street, up Main and Milk and Spillstreets and along thence to the South Cemetery; where the last sad offices and rites of our Order were performed with due solemnity and decorum. Brother Henry Paddock (quite) acted as Chaplain. We then went to the Lodge room and (duly) disbanded. I went to Sarah B.'s and took tea. Walked to the Lodge room and at 6-30 o'clock the Masonic Lodge was organized: and the Officers for the ensuing year were installed by H. Paddock. I went from there to bro' Charles R. Paddock's, and talked with him and his wife until 11 o'clock; then turned in

Tuesday

28th " Wind easterly and moderate. Weather cloudy. Took breakfast at Charlie's. Then went and fed the horse. Went down street and did my errands. Had 1lb of butter to sell also 1 doz eggs. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Fed the horse. Played checkers a little. Went to the paint shop and had a talk with those who frequent there. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Attended Lodge 1794. in the evening and was elected Treasurer for the next 6 months. Raining heavy with the wind from the eastward

Went Sarah B.'s and told her that I should not go home. Walked from there to the Lodge and was joined by Paddock and we walked to his residence. Raining heavily. Talked until after 11 o'clock then turned in.

Wednesday

29th " Wind easterly and quite strong. Weather cloudy and cool. Eat breakfast at Charlie's; went to Sarah B.'s and left a box.

December Went to the barn and got the horse and cart, rode to Sarah B.'s — put my things in the cart (after) taking up an empty beef barrel at Octavus Lewis's) then rode home where I arrived about noon. While in town, received by mail from Bro Martin L. White of Boston a complimentary ticket to a Musical and Literary and Installation Ball to be given by the Franklin Lodge No 28 I.O.O.F. on Friday evening January 7th 1876.

Dim walked to town soon after dinner. Wrote some in this book. Read a little. Burned in about 9 o clock.

Thursday.

30 Cl. Wind westerly — weather foggy. Wrote in the record. About 2 o'clock Lydia came from town with Charles Starbuck; where she went yesterday afternoon with F.J. Backus, for the purpose of attending a dance with Charles Paddock. Dim walked to town yesterday and returned today with Lydia. Read some. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

4449.

Friday

31 Cl. Wind westerly — weather foggy. Wrote in the record most of the day. F.J. Backus spent the evening here. Read some. Burned in at 9½ o'clock.

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4450. January first One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy Six. Wind westerly and gentle; weather clear, soft and pleasant. I wish you a happy new year. Wrote in the record most of the day. Read some. About dark, Mr Edward Boden, wife and her son Elmer came here. talked some, played checkers a little, and they went away about 6½ o'clock. Foggy when they went. Read some. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Sunday.

2d " Wind S.W. quite strong; weather foggy in the morning; but cleared before noon. Went over to John's and read the paper. After noon Jim walked into Polpis to invite some company to come here next Thursday. Wrote a letter to Martin L White of Boston. Jim came back toward night. I read some.

Turned ~~in~~ about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

3d " Clear weather wind westerly. Wrote in the record most of the day. Jim clearing around and helping his mother.

Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

4th " Wind west northerly. Weather clear and cold. Wrote a little in the record. Made preparations and rode to town in the heavy cart. Put my things into Sarah B.'s. Put the horse up and took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands which took me most of the afternoon. Took tea at Sarah B.'s about dark.

Called over to Charlie Paddock's and to Charles F. Gardner's.

795. Attended Lodge in the evening and was installed as Treasurer of the Lodge. Went to Sarah B.'s; and from there to the barn and got the horse and cart — went to Sarah B.'s and put my things in and came home. A bright moonlight

4450. night. Arrived about 11½ o'clock — eat something, and turned in.

Wednesday.

5th " Very light wind from the westward almost calm. Weather clear and pleasant. Writing in the Record. Jim walked to Polpis to tell the people that our company was postponed until next Friday, on account of the death of Emeline Gay, wife of Moses. he came back about noon. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Thursday

6th Wind westerly — weather cloudy. Writing in record.
Soon after noon Edward C. Joy, wife and daughter Mary drove in here; not having got the word yesterday not to come.
Tim walked into Phelps and invited the rest of the company to come. I went down to Mr. G. Fish's and told them, then I came back. Tim rode back with Charles Starbuck and his two daughters Etta and Ella. Rainy. Edward C Morris brought in his carriage: his wife and daughter Lucy C. Morris, Mary Steingardt and little girl. Edward Foden and wife came; also Charles C. Chadwick and wife, also Charles Weick, wife and two children. Joseph Steingardt came after dark having been to town. Had a roast beef supper, and spent a real pleasant evening until 10 o'clock, at which time all the company went home. Wind northward strong: spitting snow.
Wrote a little then turned in.

Friday.

7th Wind northerly: weather clear and cold. Writing in the record.
Tim went down and invited Elmer G. Fish's family to come here, this afternoon and he staid and walked here with Martha and the children. Elmer came about dark. We passed a pleasant evening — played euchre and had a good time.
They walked home about 9½ o'clock. Wrote some and turned in.

4451.

Saturday

8th Wind westerly and light. Weather clear and cool. Writing in the record. Soon after noon Tim started for Phelps with a basket of crockery belonging to Sarah Morris on his arm. He returned about 4 o clock. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 11 o'clock

Sunday.

9th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Went over to Elmer's and red his paper, recieved some native tobacco which he obtained in town of Wm Lawrence for me. Willie Wyer and Horatio N Coleman came here in a horse and wagon. We had dinner about 2 o'clock

4452. Then they went to town. Read and wrote a little. Turned in 9½ o'clock

Monday.

10th Wind N.W. strong. weather cloudy and uncomfortable.
Wrote some in the record. Made preparations and near

8 o'clock Lydia and I rode to town in J. J. Backus' wagon and our horse. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's. Put the horse up. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Attended Isle of the Sea Lodge of M. M. M. Went over to Charlie's and staid until after 11 o'clock. Then went to Sarah B's – Lydia was there. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

Tuesday

11th Fed the horse. Wind N.W. very strong. Weather clear and cold. Eat breakfast at Sarah B's. Did my errands. Loafed in the paint shop and around among the stores. Took dinner at Sarah B's. After noon went into Asa C. Jones's shop and looked at the checker-players. Called down to the paint shop 8 or 10 men were there. Had a little talk - - - took tea at Sarah B's - - - fed the horse. Called on Charlie Paddock and bro Charles P. Gardner.

796. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. 3 initiates (one). Went to Sarah B's and Lydia walked with me to the barn - got the horse – and came home where we arrived at 12-30 o'clock. Put the horse up – Turned in immediately. Weather clear, cold and windy.

Wednesday.

4458. 12th Wind westerly. weather cloudy and cold with spits of snow, some. Jim went to Wolfs yesterday. Wrote in the record some beside doing the chores. After tea went into the parlor and read and wrote there until 10 o'clock then turned in. Cold.

Thursday.

13th Wind northerly - - weather clear and cold, harbor frozen over. Did the chores and wrote in the record most of the day. Jim came home about noon. J. J. Backus spent the evening here. Read some in the evening and night. Turned in about 3 o'clock.

Friday.

14th Wind N.W. stiff and cold. weather passably pleasant. small squalls of snow. Wrote in the record most of the day.

I helped John load some hay. 4454. After noon Jim and Lydia walked down to Ch. B. Fish's and staid until 4 o'clock then came home. Read and wrote some turned in about 11 o'clock.

Saturday.

15th Wind westerly and strong. Weather clear and cold Writing in the record finished writing up the Coffin family.

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Sunday.

16th Had one of my spells - turned out about 3 o clock - morn'. heard the bells ringing in town - looked with the spy glass and could see the glimmer of a fire. It ranged north of the south tower, between that and the high-schoolhouse. Went over to John's woke him up - and told him there was a fire in town - came back and turned in about 3¾ o'clock.

Turned out about 8 o'clock. Wind West southerly, rainy in the morning; but cleared by noon. Read and wrote some. went over to John's and read his papers, recieved mine from him. Pim went into Polpis soon after noon.

4455. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Monday.

17th Wind south; weather rainy. Brought some water from the pump for washing. Wrote in the record most of the day. Pim came home about noon. John told us that the fire was in the house occupied by Benjamin F. Coffin and the widow of Wm B. Coffin: on the corner of Main and Winter sts.

Went over to John's and helped him load some hay. - borrowed some papers of him - came home. Wrote some. Read a little in the evening. Drizzling rain all day.

Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

18th Wind southerly. Weather damp and foggy with a little rain. Made preparations and rode to the town in our heavy cart. Put my things into Sarah B.'s house - put the horse up - Did my errands - no butter to sell. Played a few games of checkers. Called at the paint shop. Took tea at Charles F. Paddack's. Carried my eggs to Nelson Waterman. Called on brother Charles B. Gardner he

797. is sick abed. Attended Lodge in the evening. Called on brother H. H. Wickerson on Lodge business. Went into Ben Myers and staid until Ben and Mary Frank came home then went with C. R. Paddack and wife into their house and about 11 o'clock turned in on the sofa.

Wednesday.

19th Wind S.W. Weather wet, foggy, rainy and uncomfortable.
Did some errands and some Lodge business, and about noon started for home, rainy and uncomfortable — arrived home after 1 o'clock had some dinner. Wrote some — Tim walked into Tolpis. Milked the cows then wrote some more.
4455. Turned in between 8 and 9 o'clock.

Thursday

20th Strong wind from the westward. Weather cloudy.
Wrote in the record until near 3 o'clock. eve', then made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town, in Johns wagon; put our things into W.F. Woods — put the horse up. walked back to Sarah B's had some tea there — went down street and did a few errands — Went to W.D. Lodge, — Installation of officers; after Lodge meeting went to Sarah B's — got ready — went to the barn — harnessed the horse — drove to Sarah B's — put our things into the wagon and came home where we arrived shortly after midnight. Turned in soon.

Friday Had a fire in the parlor.

21st Wind northerly strong and cold. Weather uncomfortable
4457. Wrote in the record all day. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Saturday.

22d Wind N.E. weather soft. About dark it began to snow.
I am supposed to be 59 years old today.
Wrote in the record. Charlie Edger brought a razor for me to sharpen, and he played some games of checkers with me. Wrote in the record. I am writing up the Coleman family now.
Willie Wyer and Welson Waterman rode here and brought 5 cats. Welson and I played some games of checkers. They left here about 3 o'clock eve'. Mr. E. Fish called here in the forenoon, he had lost his ducks. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Sunday.

4458.
23d Wind west. southerly, ground covered with snow
Weather rainy, foggy and drizzly. snow all gone by night
Tim walked to Tolpis about 2 o'clock eve'. Lydia and I rode to Charles Starbuck's about 3 o'clock eve. Tim was there.

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Whet Charlie Folger's razor and straped Capt Starbuck's. Had a very pleasant time and a nice supper - came home about 10 o'clock. Wrote up this journal and turned in.

Monday.

24th Wind northerly strong and cool. Weather clear and pleasant. Killed the cats that Willie brought - put the hides in tan. Wrote in the record. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

25th Wind S.W. and real pleasant weather. Near noon Lydia and I started for town with John's wagon. Carried two bushels of potatoes to Nelson Waterman. Called at Eliza Paddack's and there saw Mrs Judith Folger widow of Charles who is in her 90th year. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on Eliza Pollard widow of Alexander, and inquired of her who was the wife of Eber Coleman; she brought out her record and showed me. The Eliza has been a number of years collecting and writing a record of the genealogies of the Nantucket families. she informed me that she was now writing the record of the posterity of Dr Benjamin Franklin. Called on Charlie Paddack and bro Gardner.

798. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s. Snowing. Went to the barn and took the harness off of the horse; then went to Sarah B.'s took at some record books and turned in about 10 o'clock.

Wednesday.

26th Ground covered with about 8 inches deep. Wind N.W. strong and cold. Weather clear pleasant. Took breakfast at Sarah B.'s. Went down street and did some errands. Came home where we arrived about noon. weather cold and blowing heavy. Last night was the heaviest snow that has fallen this winter. Wrote in the record the rest of the day. Tim went to Polpis.

4459. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

27th Wind S.W. rainy after noon. Mr. B. & wife called here before noon. Tim came home about noon. I helped J.J. Backus load

some day. Writing in the record most of the day. Lydia in town quilting 7 O.clock, eve. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Friday.

28th Wind westerly. and light. Weather pleasant. White frost. Writing in the record. About noon Tim walked to town. Did the chores and read and wrote in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'cl

Saturday.

29th Wind westerly. rainy; wet, nasty weather through the day. Writing the record. Tim came home about noon. Charlie Folger came here before noon and played checkers with me. Abner G. Fish's two children came here and staid some time. Did not milk the cows at night. Turned in about 9 o'clock Had one of my spells and turned out. Turned in again

Sunday.

30th Wind N.W. and light. weather clear. ~~Writing in the record~~ Reading. After noon Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came here. Willie Wyer and Horatio G. Coleman came here from town. Had a pleasant time and about 5½ o'clock the boys harnessed up and rode to town. & Charles's company went. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Monday.

31st Wind S.E. weather cloudy. Wrote in the record all day. Rained some after dark. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

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Tuesday.

1st Wind northerly everywhere a glare of ice: the rain having frozen. Weather, cloudy and thick. Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town. Did my errands. Took my meals at Sarah B. Ward's. Saw the captain of a vessel, whose craft had sunk from under him 28 miles from land. the boat was damaged; and they had only a sail and one oar in her. They landed at Great point having left the vessel on Sunday. there was 4 men in the boat. Called on bro Gardner and Charlie Paddock. Attended Lodge in the evening. Initiation.

799. Rainy. Called on bro H.H. Wickerson; went into Ben Wyer's where Paddock and wife were and staid about an hour. Went to Sarah B.'s. from there and got the horse. Went back and Tim came home with us, where we arrived about midnight. Turned in soon. Raining heavy. Wind southerly

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Wednesday.

2d Wind S.W. veered to the N.W. and blowing the heaviest gale of the season. After noon had a fire in the parlor. very cold. Wrote in the record most of the day. J.J. Backus spent the evening here until 9 o clock then went home. Turned in about 9½ o clock.

Thursday.

3d Wind northerly. Weather clear. Harbor covered with ice. Writing in the record in the parlor. Toward noon Lydia got ready and when Abner B. Fish and wife came along in their wagon, she went down to the gate and rode with them to Seconsett, to Edward C Joyce by invitation. Shortly after: Tim and I dressed up and went there with our horse and cart. 28 persons were there, to a sewing bee - carpet rags - had a good supper - I played checkers all the afternoon and evening with Joseph Steingardt. Came home about 11 o'clock. Warmed ourselves and turned in.

Friday

4th It rained vehemently through the night with the wind S.W. The wind changed to the N.W. and snowed through the day 4 inches of snow fell. About dark it quitted. Writing in the record allday and evening in the parlor Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Saturday

5th Wind N.W. weather clear, cold and pleasant. Snow blown in heaps. Charlie Folger came here and played checkers with me a couple of hours. Wrote in the record most of the day and evening. J.J. Backus was here in the evening and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in about 10 o'clock

Sunday.

6th Wind west, southerly. Weather clear and pleasant. Tim went to Squam. Wrote some in the record. Went over to John's and his newspaper. Jacob B. Gibbs and wife came here and took tea with us, and went home about dark. Read and wrote in the evening. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

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4462. 7th " Wind S.W. Rainsqualls about daylight. Snow most gone. Wrote in the record most of the day. Tim came home about 3½ o'clock. Wrote in the evening. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

8th " Wind N.W. and light. White frost on the ground. Weather clear and pleasant. Lydia and I got ready and rode to town with our horse and cart — put our things into O.B. Wood's house — Got in debt for my second bushel of corn. Did my errands. Eat dinner at Sarah B's. Called on Eliza Willard and inquired of her about the Cattle family; she brought out her book and gave me the information I wanted. Played a few games of checkers in Jones's shop. Called at the paint Shop. Took tea at B's. Fed the horse. Called over to Charlie Paddock's and see Charles P. 500. Gardner's. Attended Lodge. Degree meeting and Camp in the evening. Went over to Paddock's with him after Lodge — my wife was there staid until after 10 o'clock, then went to Sarah B's, (she was sick) got ready went to the barn and harnessed and drove to Sarah B's. Put our things in and came home where we arrived about 12½ o'clock, Tim had gone to Volpis and left a good fire. Burned in soon.

Wednesday.

9th " Clear fine weather wind southerly. Writing in the record most of the day. About noon Mrs Abner G. Fish drove into the yard with a horse and wagon and Lydia went with her to make some calls and stop to tea at Mrs Edward Boden's. Edward C. Morris and wife came here shortly after in their wagon, and left a book that Edward had borrowed of me. John J. Backus called and left the newspaper. Read and wrote in the evening. Lydia returned a little before 9 o'clock. Heard Tim had ridden to town from Volpis with Israel Morey. Burned in about 9½ o'clock. Rainy.

Thursday.

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10th " No great deal of pain through the night, with a southerly wind. Today, wind Northeasterly and considerable fine rain. Writing in the record. John came over and asked me to help him get his wagon into the house; to paint. Went over and helped him. Willie Myer brought Tim from town in a carriage about 2 o'clock.

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Willie staid about an hour and then rode back. Wm got ready and walked to Wolpis. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday

11th Wind

Writing in the record most of the day except doing the the chores. G.F. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9½ o'clock

Saturday

4464.

12th Wind westerly. weather pleasant. Writing in the record all day. Wm came home before noon. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

13th Wind variable. Weather clear and pleasant.

Went over to Johns and read his paper; and brought mine home — read some. About 2 o'clock, eve. Capt Edward C. Joy and wife came here, having stopped at E.C. Morris' with the intention of staying; but the family not being at home he came here. They gave us a nice piece of meat. Had a real pleasant time and they went home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

14th Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. It began to rain soon after 10 o'clock and so continued all day.

Brother Charles Wick came here from Wolpis, and asked me to report him sick, and unable to work, by reason of being poisoned in the hands and arms, by running ivy.

Wm does the chores. I helped G.F. Backus load some hay. Wrote in the record all day and evening until 9½ o'clock. Then turned in.

Tuesday

15th Wind S.E. and strong, and a raining, & Hell ye. 9 o'clock, morn. Wrote in the record all day. Toward night the rain held up a little and Wm walked to Wolpis. Read some in the evening in some papers that Wm went over to John's and borrowed for me. Turned in about 9½ o'clock

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Wednesday.

16th Wind Westerly. Heavy hail squall in the morning about 8 o'clock. Weather clear most of the day. Wrote in the record. Wm came home about noon. Charlie Folger came here after noon and

played checkers with me a couple of hours; then borrowed some old papers and went home. About 5 o'clock Tim went to Volpis. Yesterday it rained so bad that I did not get to town. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

17th

Thursday.

Wind westerly quite strong, weather clear. Wrote in the record until about 2 o'clock then got ready and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon that he borrowed of Wm Baxter. Put our things into S.B. Wood's house. put the horse up Called over to Charlie B. Paddock's—went from there with him to the Lodge and attended regular meeting of the Degree of Rebekah. after meeting went to Sarah B.'s and turned in about 11 o'clock.

Friday

18th

After having breakfast and feeding the horse went down street did some errands and played a few games of checkers. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Harnessed the horse and went to the store recently occupied by Nelson Waterman and recieved from B. C. Gardner the present occupant about a dozen lard kegs. which Nelson gave me. Went to Mr Cleves's corn store and got in debt for the third bushel of corn. went to Sarah B.'s and put the things in the wagon and Lydia and I rode home where we arrived about 5 o'clock. Wrote in the record until 9 o'clock then turned in.

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Saturday

19th

Wind S.W. weather quite comfortable. Writing in the record most of the day. After noon Lydia walked down to Mr G. Fish's. Near night Tim walked there carrying the lantern. I put John's cattle up for him he being in town. Wrote and read in the evening. Lydia and Tim came home about 10 o'clock. Turned in soon after

Sunday.

20th

Wind N.W. strong and cold. weather clear. Wrote a little in the record. About noon brother Weick, wife and two children came here. They live on the farm formerly occupied by B.C. Eldridge and family.

About 4 o'clock Daniel Ring brought his sister Maggie here: she is

February. the teacher of the Volpies school and boards with brother Weick.
Had a real pleasant time and they all left here about
1867. 10 o'clock eve' for home. Turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

21st Wind northerly. weather pleasant. Writing in the record.
Willie Wyer came here before noon, and about 3 o'clock eve'.
he and Tim walked to Volpies. Turned in about 9 o'clock.
Tim and Willie came home about 10½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

22d Wind northeasterly, snowing and sleeting.
Wrote in the record until noon then the weather cleared
Tim and willie went to Volpies. Lydia and I got ready and
rode to town. Put the things into Sarah B's — put the horse up
walked to the steamboat with Charlie Paddock. went onboard
and found Phebe Coffin there. she having come from Brockton
this morning. Saw her into the carriage; then walked up.
Took tea at Sarah B's. Fed the horse. went over to Paddock's
1867. called on bro Gardner. Attended Lodge. D meeting and Camp
in the evening. Went over to Ben Wyer's and staid until
after 11 o'clock with Paddock. Ben's people came home and Charlie
and I went into his house. He and Lydia his wife went
to a masked ball and I staid until they came back, after
one o'clock. Turned in soon after they came home.

Wednesday.

23d Wind N.W. strong and cold. Weather clear. Took breakfast
at Paddocks. Then went and fed the horse. Tried to sell
some potatoes; couldn't. Eat dinner at Sarah B's. Harnessed
the horse — went and got trusted for a bag of flour and got
my 24th bushel of Corn on credit 88 cts per bu — rode home — very
cold — arrived home about 2½ clock. Lydia and P. Coffin
rode home with E. P. Packers last evening about 11 o'clock.
I wrote some in the record. Turned in before 9 o'clock

Thursday.

24th Wind N.W. strong and cold. Weather a little cloudy.
Writing in the record in the parlor. rather cold work.
Read a little. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Friday.

25th 11 Wind northerly quite strong. Weather clear and cold. Writing in the record in the parlor. Read a little in the evening. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Saturday

26th 11 Wind northerly not very heavy. Weather pleasant but cool. Writing in the record in the parlor. Charlie Folger came here and I played checkers with him; he beat me; he staid here until noon. Read a little in the evening. Turned in at 9 o'clock

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Sunday

27th 11 Wind easterly and moderate. Weather cloudy, looks like a storm. Wrote in the record some. Vin went to Charles Sturbuck's. Lydia and P. Coffin went down to Elmer F. Fishes and were gone about 3 hours. E. J. Backus called here about dark, and staid until near 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

Monday.

28th 11 Wind easterly and moderate. The ground covered with a thin glaze of ice, and very slippery. Rainy, sleeting and snowing most of the day. Writing in the record most of the day. Vin came home soon after noon. Read a little. Turned in about 9 o clock.

Tuesday

29th 11 Wind easterly, strong with rain, hail and snow. After noon the weather cleared some. Rode to town in the cart where I arrived soon after 6 o'clock eve. Put the horse up. Mailed some letters. Called on bro' Charles P. Gardner.

852. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went over to bro Charles R. Paddacks. Paul Paddack and wife and wife's sister Seary were there; had a pleasant time until they went home, then turned in. Slept on the sofa.

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Wednesday.

1st 11 Wind southwesterly, snow melting. Squall of snow after noon. × Sold some treebeans, a little more than two bushels. Bought some groceries, got in debt for a bushel of corn. × Took dinner at Sarah B's. Came home where I arrived

4470. about 5 o'clock eve. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Thursday.

Wind N.E. and strong. Weather cloudy. Ground covered with snow and ice. Wrote a little, went over to John's and helped him load some hay. He had brought us a letter in the morning; from George W. Macy's family. Martha W. Fish and her little boy came here after noon and Lydia helped her knit a comforter. I played a few games of euchre with her, after tea. Then he husband came for her and they all walked home about dark, snowing fast. J. J. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Wind northerly. weather partially clear. About 9 o'clock Tim and P. Coffin walked down to W. S. Fish's and P. Coffin rode to town with Abner and wife. Tim came home about 11 o'clock. After noon Lydia and I to bro' Weick's; paid him $1.15 on account of sick benfits due him from his Lodge; we continued on to C. C. Morris's After tea went into the Shanty and played checkers with Charlie Folger until 9 o'clock, then went to Edward's harnessed the horse and Lydia and I rode home where we arrived about 10½ o'clock. P. Coffin had come back. Turned in soon after getting home.

Saturday

4th Wind westerly north. Weather clear. Writing in the record. Soon after noon Lydia and P. Coffin walked down to Abner S. Fish's. Toward night I walked there — had tea. Bro Weick, wife and child came there on their way from town and took tea, then went home. Played euchre in the evening. J. J. Backus came there for some milk, and came home when we did, about 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Sunday.

5th Wind S.W. and light. Weather clear. Read some. Went over to John's and borrowed his riding saddle. Got ready to go to town. When Tim was riding the horse to water the horse fell down and jammed Tim's foot under him, and hurt it a considerable. About noon left home for

town; arrived there— put the horse up. Went to the house of Benj^a
W. B[illegible] and inquired of him if the funeral of Orrin W. Adams
took place today. He thought it would not. Went to Sarah B.
Woods and staid until 3 o'clock then came home. Eat supper
Dim's foot quite bad. Read a little. J. J. Backus came over here
in the evening. Burned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Capt. Ford and Lieut. White of the 3d Police, with a squad of officers, made a raid last evening on the gambling house at No. 135 Court street, and captured $500 worth of faro implements, but no game was in progress.

Monday.

6th " Wind S.W. weather beautiful. Wrote in the record until noon; then made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in our carts; put our things into Sarah B.'s house. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on Charlie Paddock. Attended Union Lodge meeting— worked M. M. D. on bro Clapp. Went to Sarah B.'s. Lydia was there. Burned in soon after 10 o'clock.

Tuesday.

7th " Wind S.W. Weather very pleasant. Burned out quite early. Fed the horse, eat breakfast at Sarah B.'s. Went down street; at 10 o'clock went to the Lodge Hall and organized and attended the funeral of our deceased masonic brother Orrin W. Adams. whose body was intered in the cemetery on Prospect Hill with the rites of our order. returned to the Lodge room and closed the meeting about 12½ o'clock. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s.

Went down street and staid until near 5 o'clock. then harnessed the horse and did my errands. Took tea at Sarah B.'s Called on Charlie Paddock and Bro Charles D. Gardner.

503. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went with Charlie Paddock over to Ben Myer's and staid until 9 o'clock; at which time I went into Mary Ann Whiffey's by request and waited until she came home. She wants me to try and get Mathew Barney to make a settlement of the business of my grandfather's estate. Went to Sarah B.'s and from there to the barn and brought the horse there and Lydia and I came home, where we

4472. arrived about 11½ o'clock evening. Burried in soon after. Foggy.

Wednesday

8th " Dim is 22 years old today. Wind S.W. weather ver not very clear. Wrote in the record. Soon after noon Dim went down to Abner G. Fisher's on an errand; and while

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he was gone, 4 carriages loaded with people came from Polpis and drove up at the east side of our house—unharnessed and put the horses in the barn— the people were all in the parlor when Dim came home with Martha Fish.
He was ushered into the room—(not knowing anything of the matter) and was as much surpized as he ought to have been. In due time supper was placed on the table to which ample justice was done; in the good old style.
After which came singing, playing, and little dancing.
The company went home about 10 o'clock, and we all turned in.

Thursday.

9th Wind northerly and pleasant weather. Wrote in the record all day. Dim did the chores. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday

10th Wind N.E. and snowing, it stopped by noon.
Writing in the record. About noon Lydia, P. Coffin and Dim rode to Mr Jacob B. Gibbs' farm to a sewing-bee. I wrote until near 3 o'clock then walked to Ed C. Norris' stopped there about half an hour: then I went over to Jacob's just before tea I fed the horses. quite a large number of people were there. After tea the usual programme was gone through with, such as playing dancing &c &c.
Willie Wyer came there in the evening and brought a postal card to Dim from Ellis Jones saying that he wanted Dim to come to Brockton and work at shoemaking with him. The company broke up about 10 o'clock and we came home. I turned in soon after. It was very cold.

P. Coffin rode with A. D. Fish's people

Saturday

11th Wind easterly with spits of snow. rather cool weather
Writing in the record. Dim walked to town before noon.
About 2 o'clock eve' Lydia and I rode to Mr Charles Weick's. spent a pleasant after-noon. had tea—. played checkers some in the evening. Came home about 10 o'clock.
Dim was home from town. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

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Sunday.

12th Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Dim went over to A. D. Fish's

to ire Ebner to carry him and his trunk to town this afternoon. Ebner couldn't. Willie Dyer came here about 1 o'clock eve' with a horse and wagon and I im rode to town with him about 2 o'clock. Did the chores and read and wrote some. J.J. Backus was over here in the evening.

Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday. Tim went to Brockton today.

13th " Wind S.W. weather cloudy: rain after-noon. Writing in the record. Carted two loads of seaweed from the beach and put it into the barn before noon. After tea A.S. Fish and J.J. Backus came here and staid until near 9 o'clock. We turned in after they went

Tuesday.

14th " Wind N.W. and very strong. Weather clear and cold.

Soon after breakfast, Lydia, W. Coffin and I rode to town in our cart. Did my errands — left our things at Sarah B. Wood's Put the horse up — eat dinner at Sarah B.'s. Played checkers some. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on Charlie Paddack and brother

505. C.W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s and from there and harnessed the horse and came home after getting my things at Sarah B.'s. Before we got out of our yard this morning brother Weich drove in and said he had in his cart a table for Lydia. He wanted us to attend a surprize party this evening at Ch. S. Fish's. We could not. Lydia and W. Coffin rode home with Ch. S. Fish before night.

I arrived home about midnight. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

15th " Wind northerly and cold. Weather clear. Writing in the record. While we were at dinner Charlie Edger came here. As soon as I had done the chores. he and I played checkers a couple of hours. We then went home. Wrote, did the chores and read a little.

4474. J.J. Backus came here and staid until near 9 o'clock. We turned in soon after.

Thursday.

16th " Wind north easterly light. Weather quite clear. Writing in the record. After noon Lydia and I rode to town. Went to Sarah B. Wood's and prepared for attending Lodge. Called on brother Charles P. Paddack and he and his wife and I walked to

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the Lodge. opened in due time. Had an initiation — some reading singing and a quadrille. After Lodge we went to Sarah B.'s. Very dark and rainy. the rain had frozen on the ground and it was very slippery. Went to the barn - harnessed the horse. and came from there home. The night was very dark and the wind blew a heavy fitful gale — The rain at times came down with great force - driven by the strong gusts of wind nearly in opposition to the course I was heading. The cold was quite severe so much so that the side of me that was exposed to the storm was covered with ice. The darkness was so intense that I could not see the road; a part of the time the horse was not discernible; he jumped out of the road once; and once I stopped and pawed around on the ground and found he was out of the road - then put him in and after about an hour's riding arrived home at 11½ o'clock — put the horse up and curried him down. My lantern blew out twice while doing it. The ground was so slippery and the wind so strong that it was with difficulty that I could stand or walk.
S. Coffin made me some hot ginger tea which I drank, while eating some gingerbread. Read some. Turned in about 2 o'clock.

Friday

17th Wind easterly. light. Weather cloudy, foggy and drizzly most of the day. Writing in the record, reading and doing the chores. F.F. Backus Lydia was brought home by Daniel King about 3½ o'clock eve'. F.F. Backus spent the evening
4475. here until 8½ o'clock. Turned in before 9 o'clock.
Had one of my spells and turned out. Turned in again.

Saturday

18th Wind N.W. quite strong. Weather cloudy. ground covered with snow. Writing in the record most of the day. Did F.F. Backus's chores at night. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Sunday.

19th Lydia is 65 years old today. Wind northerly, clear and cold. Went over to Johns and read his paper. Read, wrote and did the chores. F.F. Backus was here in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock

Monday.

20th Wind easterly and light. Weather clear as a bell. Picked over some beans to sell. Wm Edward Boden called here and left some newspapers that he borrowed of me sometime ago. Writing some in the record. F.F. Backus called here in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

21st It has snowed a great deal through the night. Wind N.E. and blowing very heavy accompanied by an incessant fall of rain until near 4 o'clock when the rain ceased and at the proper time the sun set clear.

Writing in the record all day, and well into the evening. Did not let the cattle out to water until late on account of the storm. F.F. Backus called here after noon.

Turned in soon after 9 o clock.

Wednesday.

22d Wind westerly strong and cold. Weather cloudy with a little snow. Wrote in the record most of the day.

Helped F.F. Backus get his wagon out of the house, and put it together. Lydia and P. Coffin walked down to Abner G. Fish's about 2 o'clock eve and returned about dark. F.F. Backus went to just before dark.

Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

23d Wind N.W. quite strong. Weather clear. As soon as we had done breakfast Lydia and I rode to town in our cart. Left our things at Sarah B. Wood's. Got some firkins from the store formerly occupied by Wilson Waterman. Put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands - Called at the paint-shop, and into Jones's shop. About 2 o'clock Lydia rode home with Charles Starbuck. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to bro' C.P. Paddack's. Attended Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s - unlocked the house, and lit a lamp - Went to the barn - harnessed the horse - rode to Sarah B.'s - put my things in the cart and came home where I arrived at 11½ o'clock. Turned in soon.

4477. Brought out a bag of flour for F.F. Backus. Drew him in town.

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Friday

24th Wind S.W. and light. Weather clear. Chored around a little and wrote some in the "Record". Lydia and T. Coffin walked down to A.S. Fish's and did some stitching on Martha's machine; they came home about 5 o'clock. J.J. Backus called here after dark. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Saturday

25th Wind S.E. Weather cloudy. While in town last Thursday Daird W. Burgess asked me if I would change farms with George C. Gardner; he giving me the Andrew Gardner farm, so called. I gave him to understand that I would not.
Wrote in the record most of the day. After noon, rainy.
4478. John was up in the evening. Read some. Turned in 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

26th I was wakened this morning by a heavy storm of wind
4479. and rain from the south east; and laid awake a couple of hours. Went to sleep near 5 o'clock. Wind S.W. Weather foggy. The fences are considerably blown down. Wrote some. Read a little. Had a nap after noon. The cows went onto the commons. the fence blew down last night. Drove the cattle in toward night and put them up J.J. Backus was over in the evening. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Monday.

27th Wind westerly, quite strong. Weather clear. Mended the fences a considerable. Wrote some in the record.
Toward night harnessed our horse to Glover's wagon and he and I rode to town. did some Lodge business—
Went over to Paddock's and staid until near 9 o'clock then walked to J.H. Backus's — harnessed the horse and John and I came home. Turned in soon after getting home.

Tuesday.

28th Wind westerly. brisk breeze Weather clear. Got ready and went to town in our Cart. Put my things into Sarah B. Wood's house, after having the horse shod. Had some dinner there. Went to the blacksmith shop and got the horse and put him up. Did my errands. Called at the paint shop.

Took tea at Sarah B's. Put the horse. Called on brother Samuel Epas and paid him his sick benefits $10. Called over to Charles
886 R. Paddacks: also on bro' Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge, Initiation. Acted as J.S. After meeting went over to Paddacks's and staid sometime. Went to Sarah B's — then got the horse - went back with him and put my things in and came home where I arrived about midnight. Turned in soon after.

4479. Wednesday.

29th Wind S.E. It rained a considerable toward morning. After the weather cleared, I mended the fences some. Borrowed some nails of John. After noon cut some large brush — brought it to the shop and made a brushharrow with it. F.J. Backus was over in the evening and staid until after 9 o'clock. Turned in as soon as he went.

Thursday.

30th Wind Westerly. Weather clear. Began to cart manure
Capt Charles P. Myers hailed me from the road and told me that Wilson Waterman died last night about 12 o'clock.
Capt Edward C. Foy called here and staid about an hour.
T. Coffin walked down to Mr. S. Fish's, after their Freddie brought a note here. She brought some milk home. Lydia rode to town about 8 o'clock with Harrison Gardner. Carted and spread on
10 loads. the piece that I sowed down in the front Lot 10 loads of manure. 2 loads from under the barn and 8 from the hogpen north of the shop. Quitted near 4 o'clock on account of a heavy hail squall. Read and wrote in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

31st Wind westerly, and strong. Weather clear. Carted from under the barn and spread on the acre piece in the front lot, 7 loads of manure; which finished manuring it for this season. Carted and tipped up near the north lot bars, 4
23 loads. loads of manure. Helped F.J. Backus load some hay; while I was there Joseph Steingardt called here and told T. Coffin that the funeral would take place tomorrow. Near dark C. Starbuck's two daughters drove in and told us the same.
Read from 7½ o'clock until near 10. Turned in then
Did not get to sleep very quick: Sea was too strong; I guess.

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Saturday.

Wind W.W. quite strong. Weather cloudy. Lydia B. Morris came here soon after breakfast; having rode from her home with William L. Allen to our gate.

Ben F. Brown's vessel just run into the harbor, 8½ o'clock, mor'n.

Made preparations and about 11 o'clock rode to town.

Put the horse up - went to D.B. Woods; she is sick with the rheumatism. Lydia was there - made ourselves ready and walked to the house where Nelson Waterman died in School st. occupied by his mother. Mr. Whipple addressed the assemblage and offered a prayer. Soon after 2 o'clock the funeral moved to the Cemetery on Prospect Hill where the body was laid on the north side of the of the enclosure near the north road.

After the return of the procession, I walked down street and learned that Ben Brown left Boston yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, a quick run. Took tea at Mrs Waterman's.

Went down street and waited until the mail was opened and recieved a letter and newspaper. Got ready and came home where we arrived about 7½ o'clock.

Met E.C. Morris and wife and Lydia B. in our yard going home in their carriage. Edward and Sarah came for Lydia B.

Put the horse up - read the newspaper some - Fed the horse and did my chores by the light of the lantern. J.J. Backus had done so put the cows up and foddered them.

Read until 9½ o'clock, then turned in.

Sunday.

2d

Wind north easterly, quite strong. Weather pleasant.

Went over to John's and read his paper. Borrowed John's wagon and harness; and Lydia, D. Coffin and I rode over to Capt. Edward C. Joy's at Wenonah.

David W. Burgess, wife and child were there also C. Starbuck and his two daughters Marietta and Ella. Joseph Stiengardt and George B. Starbuck came there on an errand, but did not stay long. In due time, had a nice supper; spent a very pleasant evening, and came home about 10½ o'clock. Wind S.W. Weather clear. Turned in as soon as I had put the horse up

Monday.

8th. Wind westerly. Sun rose: but the weather is now cloudy. 7½ o'clock
Brought some water for washing. Carted and tipped up near
5½ loads. the north lot two 11 loads of manure It began to rain about
8 o'clock with the wind S.W. Then quitted and put the
horses up. Came into the house and copied some dates
of the births and death of the Foy family from a record lent
me by E.C. Foy. Finished toward night. J.J. Bakes was
here in the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

4th Wind east, southerly and a perfect gale, with rain.
It has stormed heavily all night.
Wrote in the record all day. except doing the chores. - did not
let the cattle out to water, because the storm was so heavy.
The rain beat through every part of the weather side of the
house, so much so, that pans and bowls had to be set to catch
the water that leaked through. Toward night I rigged up
and went and fed the cattle and brought a box of peat and
a bucket of water. Read through the evening. Turned in 8½ o'clock.

Wednesday.

5th Wind east northerly and blowing heavy. Weather cloudy, thick
with appearances of snow. Turned out quite early and the first
thing I did after making a fire; was, to let the cattle out to
water — put them up as soon as they had drank.
Wrote in the record, until after noon then brushharrowed
the acre at the front of the house. Strong wind easterly north.
448. Read most of the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

6th Wind N.W. moderate. Weather clear. Got ready and Lydia
and P. Coffin rode as far as A.G. Fish's with me I continued
on to town. Got in debt for a bushel of corn.
Took dinner at Sarah B.'s: she is some better of the rheumatic
fever that she has been sick with these last two weeks.
Recieved a letter for P. Coffin also a box by express from
Brockton. Came home about 8 o'clock. One of the cows
calved (a heifer) while I was away. John did the chores.

April Read and wrote a little. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Friday.

7th Wind west, southerly. Weather clear. The red cow calved this morning. Mended the fence of the front lot in the yard. Turned the cattle out. Shall fodder them only twice a day now except when it storms

Lydia walked down to Mr. S. Fish's for the purpose of riding to town with him; she went about 10¾ o'clock.

Carted and spread in the north lot where the beans and potatoes grew last year 10 loads of manure

44 loads.

When Lydia came home which was about dark Mr. S. Fish came with her. and she sold him a large mahogany table for $3. He went home about 8 o'clock.

J. J. Backus came here and staid until near 9 o'clock.

4482. We turned in soon after he went.

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Saturday

8th Wind N.W. and strong Weather clear. Carted and spread

58 loads. same as yesterday 14 loads of manure. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

22nd Sunday

9th Wind northerly strong. Weather clear. One of the calves was choked last night by the string with which he was tied.

Went over to John's and read his papers. Mr. G. Fish called here. Skinned the calf and put the hide in tan

Borrowed Johns wagon and Lydia. P. Coffin and I rode to Edward C. Morris's. Took tea there Edward C. Fox, wife and daughter Mary. also Jo Steingardt were there. Joe's wife came from town just as we were at supper her little girl came with her. Spent a pleasant eve' and arrived home about 10 o'clock. Turned in soon.

J. J. Backus did the chores for me. From this date I am to give him 5 cts each time that he does them for me.

Monday.

10th Wind northerly. Weather clear Did the chores - dragged John's wagon and harness over to his house - Carted and spread on the piece for potatoes and beans 8 loads of manure - also to he

6.9. loads. heap near the bars 8 loads of manure. About 8½ o'clock, morn. Lydia walked down to the road and met E. L. Morris and rode to town with him. Read some through the evening. Lydia returned about 10 o'clock eve. having ridden up from town with G. J. Backus and wife. Turned in soon after she got home.

Tuesday

11th Wind N.W. and light Weather clear and pleasant. Holden John had some hay. Made ready and rode to town with the horse and cart. Bought my 11th bushel of corn. Went to Ben Myer's and recieved a pair of rubber boots and some wearing apparel, which I brought home when I came. Went to Sarah E. Wood's and left my things—borrowed $2 of Henry Paddock. Recieved of Charles H. Bailey $8 dividend from the Union Store stock. Bought some groceries - Took my meals at Sarah E.'s. Fed the horse. Called on bro' Charles P. Gardner and went 8 to 7. into Charlie Paddock's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Returned home about 11 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

12th Wind westerly. Weather clear and warm. Carted and spread 8½ loads. on the north meadow 12 loads of manure. G. J. Backus told me that his mare had a colt last evening about 6 o'clock.

11th Abner G. Fish plowed the acre of land yesterday; the one 4 to 4. that I had manured. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock

Thursday.

13th Last day. Wind S.W. Weather clear and pleasant. After noon the weather became cloudy with the wind S.E. 8½ loads. Carted and spread on the north meadow 8 loads of manure. Took up the bridge north from the entrance to the north meadow. Abner G. Fish came there while I was doing it. Dug out a large stone in the north meadow - set fire to some wabskeg. G. J. Backus came here in the evening. and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in as soon as he went.

Friday.

14th Wind S.W. Weather cloudy most of the day. a sprinkle of rain toward night. Rebuilt the bridge and carted 9½ loads. and spread on the north meadow 8 loads of manure.

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April 16 Near noon Lydia walked down to A. S. Fish's for the purpose of riding to town with him. After noon M. Coffin walked there, to do some sticking; they both returned about 5½ o'clock, eve. I read a little through the evening.

Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Saturday.

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15th Wind westerly — rainy until about 9 o'clock. — Helped John load a jag of hay. Carted a load of manure and spread it on the north meadow. Harrowed the manure on the meadow. After noon Carted 3 loads of manure and spread it on the meadow - also carted 6 loads of sand and put in the W. Corner of the slough in the north meadow. Cut some alder bushes next the same place. Read some in the Evening.

10½ loads.

Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Sunday.

16th Wind south, westerly. Weather cloudy. Went over to John's and read his paper. Set fire to some wabska on the west edge of the north meadow. Wrote a little, read some.

After noon Capt C. C. Joy, wife and daughter Mary, and granddaughter Annie came here from Nonsett.

Had a pleasant time and they went home about 9½ o'clock.

Turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

17th Wind and weather fair. Carted and spread on

111 loads. the north meadow 10 loads of manure.

After noon Mary Frank Wyer and Emily Ann Spear came here from town, in a buggy wagon; and staid a couple hours; then went back. We turned in about 9 o'clock

Tuesday.

18th Wind easterly; weather fair. Got ready, and rode to town about 9½ o'clock, morn'. Bought the 12th bushel of corn, and paid Capt Chas Cleave $5 on account. Put my things in S. B. Wood's house — took dinner with her. Did my errands — played checkers — Sold my eggs 2 doz

808. at 20 ¢ pr doz. Attended Lodge in the evening.

Came home soon after 11 o'clock. Turned in soon.

Wednesday.

19th Wind N.E. weather clear till near night. then the wind came N.W. and we had some squalls of rain.

121 loads. Carted and spread on the north meadow 10 loads of manure. Carted and put into a slough 8 loads

44.87. of sand. Read a little. Turned in about 8 o clock.

Hepsa C. Bunker, Priscilla F. Coffin and Sarah Pitman came here yesterday and staid about an hour.

Thursday.

20th Wind N.W. Weather clear and cold. Carted and spread

122 loads. on the north meadow 1 load of manure. Carted into a slough 10 loads of sand; spread it and brushed it smooth.

After noon feathered the upper box of the pump, and worked at making a pair of jaws for the pumplog.

Toward night made preparations for going to town; borrowed Johns saddle and rode to town on horseback.

Went to D.B. Wood's — recieved a letter from Ellis Jones; containing a money order for $20 - got the order cashed.

Attended R.D. Lodge in the evening — had a pleasant time and went to Sarah B.'s about 10½ o clock. Went from there and got my horse and rode home where I arrived shortly after midnight. Turned in after eating something.

Friday.

21st Wind N.W. and strong. Weather clear. It rained last night soon after I got home. This morning gave P. Coffin the money which I recieved last night. J.B. Gibbs and wife were here last Tuesday evening.

132 loads. Carted and spread on the north meadow 10 loads of manure. Carted a load of turf and put it under the barn also a load of sand and put it into a hole in the meadow. Cut a little brush on the edge of the meadow near the north end. After tea carried John's saddle home.

4488. John came over and staid about an hour. Turned in at 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

22d Wind from N.W. to S.W. Weather pleasant. Carted and spread

142 loads. on the north meadow 10 loads of manure; also one load of

April. sand and mended a place side of the ditch in the meadow.
Paved a place on the bottom of the maure pen.
After tea picked up a few paving stones and burnt some dry grass on the edge of the meadow.
About noon C.C. Morris and wife came here and took dinner with us; he then went and carried a calf to the Burgess bro's farm; leaving Sarah here. When he returned they went home together. I turned in about 8 o clock. Shortly after Lydia called me: saying, there was a noise in the barn. I got up, and dressed and went into the barn, and found that "Charlie" had been laid down and made a big row in getting up. Turned in again about 9.

Sunday.

23d " Wind southerly. Weather cloudy. Went over to John's and read some and recieved my paper and some lemons that he bought for me in town. Read and wrote some.
Walked over the farm a little and looked for paving stones. P. Coffin and Lydia walked down to W.S. Fish's about 3 o'clock. Lydia rode home with Mrs Weick about 5 o'clock. I gave Mrs Weick some seeds. and she went home.
P. Coffin walked home with Martha W. Fish and Freddie. they staid till dark then went home. G.G. Backus came here in the evening and staid about an hour. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Monday.

24th " Wind easterly. Weather cold, cloudy. and sunshiney.
152 loads. Carted and spread on the north meadow 10 loads of manure. Picked up and carted to the manure cellar a load of pavingstones. Helped John strike out a piece of land on the eastern farm. Carted a load of sand and pavingstones to the cellar. Paved a considerable piece.
After noon Lydia rode to town with Mrs Weick and returned soon after 4 o'clock, eve. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

25th " Wind northerly. Weather clear. Got ready and rode to town where I arrived about 10½ o'clock. Put the horses look dinner at Sarah B's. Did my errands.

Called at Paddocks' paint Shop. Fed the horse.
Took tea at Sarah B's. Called on bro' Charles W. Gardner.
809. Attended Lodge, Degree Meeting, and Camp in the
evening. Raining. Went to Sarah B's about 11 o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

26th Wind northerly and blowing a heavy gale. Raining,
sleeting and showing all day. Fed the horse and took
breakfast at Sarah B's. Went down street and staid till
11 o'clock; then went and harnessed the horse,— went to
Sarah B's and put my things into the cart and drove
home. Had a very uncomfortable passage and arrived
here about 1 o'clock. Foddered the cattle and warmed my-
self- had something to eat and turned in. Turned out
about 5½ o'clock. Eat supper and did the chores. J.J. Backus
4489. called here in the evening. Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

27th Wind northerly not very strong. Weather clear and cool.
Brushharrowed what manure was spread on the north
2 loads. meadow. Carted a load of turf and put it under the barn.
159 loads. Carted and spread on the north meadow 7 loads of manure.
After noon Lydia and W. Coffin went to Mr. S. Fish's to
do some sticking. Mr. S. Fish called here before noon.
J.J. Backus called in the evening. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Friday.

28th Wind southerly and weather clear: by 10 the weather became
cloudy and the wind S.W. Lydia got up about 5 o'clock, morn
and walked down to Mr. S. Fisher's and rode to town with him:
she returned here just before noon. Carted and spread on the
172 loads. north meadow 13 loads of manure: being the last in the yard.
Also being 82 more than last year. Carted a load of paving-
stones from the beach and put them under the barn.
Turned in about 8½ o clock. Rainy about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

29th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Brushharrowed all but a
little piece of the north meadow that I forgot. Used all
the stones that I had, in pairing under the barn; in the

April manure cellar. Carted a load of sand, and used it in paving. After noon carted and put in the manure
8 loads. cellar 8 loads of turf. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

30th Wind S.W. Weather rainy. Went over to John's and read his paper and recieved mine and a letter for W. Coffin.
At lowtide went to Deuse point and dug a peck of quahaags. Rainy. Came back near 3 o'clock, and while we were eating Capt C.C. Foy, wife and daughter Mary drove in here they came into the house and had some thing to eat with us. We all passed a pleasant time until 9 o'clock; at which time the company went home.
4490. Turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

May 1st It has rained heavily through the night. Today the wind is N.W. and very strong. Weather clear. Bushharrowed the little piece that I forgot the other day. Carted into the
18 loads. manure pen 18 loads of turf; spread what manure was there and covered it with some of the turf. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

2d Wind westerly: weather clear. Got ready and rode to town in our heavy cart — left here about 9 o'clock. Bought my 14th bushel of corn. Left my things at Sarah B. Woods. Put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands — sold my eggs at 20cts pr doz. 6¾ doz. Called at the paint shop of the Paddack's — played checkers some — Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on Bro. Charles P. Gardner.
810. Attended Lodge and Degree meetings in the evening. Went to the barn and brought the horse and cart to Sarah B.'s. — put my things in and came home where I arrived about 11½ o'clock. Put the horse up and fed him. Turned in.

Wednesday.

3d Wind north easterly strong and cold. Weather clear till noon. Harrowed the ground where I had patatoes last year.
It began to snow and sleet between 5 and 6 o'clock eve.

with a heavy N.E. wind and continued until some time in the night. J.G. Gibbs' wife brought our plow home Tues-day eve:

J.J. Backus spent this evening here and went home about
1891. 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

Thursday.

4th Wind easterly and weather pleasant. Picked up the stones that were on the acre piece in front of the house. Chored round some. After noon went over to John's and got the marker and marked off the potatoe ground in rows three feet apart. Carried the marker back. Carted a load of manure from behind the privy, and spread it on the east end of the plowed ground and harrowed it in. P. Coffin walked down to Abner G. Fish's and back. After tea Lydia rode to town with J.J. Backus for the purpose of sending a box of clothing to Ellis and Tim by express. Read through the evening.

Lydia returned about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Friday.

5th Wind southerly; weather rainy. Chored around some. Went over to John's and read his newspaper; got him to help me, and we furrowed out the piece for potatoes.

After noon planted some beet seed, and made some holes for pumpkins. Read a little. About 6 o'clock eve. went into Polpis; — stopped at the shanty and beat Charlie Folger a couple of games at checkers. Rode round to Mrs Boden's and bought a half pound of butter and asked his wife to ride with me to our house and stay all night. She got ready and came with me. Stopped at E.C. Morris' and took a bed into the wagon and arrived here about 9¼ o'clock. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

Saturday.

6th About 1 o'clock Mrs Boden called Lydia; who got up. I went to sleep again. About 2½ o'clock Lydia called me. I harnessed the horse, and rode down to Abner G. Fish's — asked him to go to town and fetch the doctor out, he went. Returned home bringing Abner's wife with me.

Abner brought Doctor Ellis here about 5½ o'clock. Did the chores.

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May. Mabel. At 7 o'clock morning Phebe Coffin Jones gave birth to a female child. Soon after set a waif for Abner - he came with his team and carried the doctor to town. I went and carried Mrs Boden home. Stopped at E. C. Morris's on the passage back. Arrived here about 11½ o'clock. Washed John's wagon off in the pond. Raining while I was doing it. Took dinner then had a nap. Did the chores. When Abner returned from carrying the doctor to town; he brought Mrs Rebecca Barrett here as nurse. He took his wife with him when he went home: before I returned from carrying Mrs Boden.

After noon rainy. Had a nap. Did the chores. Read some in the evening. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

27th Wind southerly - weather clear. Went over to John's and read his paper, and recieved mine. Borrowed his riding saddle. Soon after noon rode on horseback to Charles Starbucks he went to Boston yesterday. I stopped a short time there talking with George B. Went to Pacacha and saw the inmates of my house; from there rode to the light station at Pankoty, and had a little talk with the keepers there; from there went to Wonsett: stopped at Charlie Paddacks. Capt E. C. Joy was there John Pitman and Bob Coffin came in. After a while we went out on the bank, and staid till near supper time. Had a nice supper of fried fish. Those at the table, were S. P. Paddack and wife. S. Cash and wife. B. F. Wyer and wife and child. Mrs Charles H. Bailey and daughter. Etta and Ella Starbuck and myself. Left there soon after supper and came home by the Gibbs pond road; arrived here before 8 o'clock, did the chores. J. F. Backus spent the evening here and went 4493. home soon after 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

Monday.

28th Wind westerly - weather cloudy, and foggy. Ploughed the furrows for potatoes .. the second time. Cut some potatoes for planting. Planted the first potatoes. Read some in the evening. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

9th Wind S.W. Rainy though the day. Soon after breakfast got ready and rode to town. Bought some corn and flour. Left my things at Sarah B.'s -- put the horse up - Walked down street and staid until noon. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Sold my eggs at 20 cts pr doz 8 doz. bought some groceries. Played checkers some; called at the paint shop. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Fed the horse. Called on bro' C.W.G. ardner.

8 11. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Came home, where I arrived at 11¾ o'clock. Turned in immediately. Foggy.

4493.

Wednesday.

10th Wind westerly; rainy. Cut potatoes all day for planting. Toward night the weather cleared for a short time, and before dark it became foggy. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

11th Wind westerly and strong. Weather clear. Planting potatoes. Two of the cows calved this morning.

After noon carried a calf to the Burgess bro's farm; came back and planted potatoes. Saw one of E.E. Gardner's sheep laying down in such a position, that she could not get onto her feet, went and tried and put her on her feet; but she had lain so long, that she could not stand. Came up and did the chores. At sundown went to where the sheep was, and after working a long time with her got her so that she could stand and walk some, she had a lamb with her. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Friday.

12th Wind southerly. Weather cloudy; raining about 10 o'clock morn. Planted potatoes until the rain came; then cut potatoes till noon. After noon planted some potatoes using only one load of manure before the rain came: quitted then and cut some more potatoes. Went over to John's and read his paper a little. Read a little in the evening. Turned in about 9.

Saturday.

13th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Planting potatoes and peace together. Read in the evening. Turned in after 9 o'clock.

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May.

Sunday.

14th Wind northerly. Weather clear and pleasant.
Went over to John's and read his paper and recieved mine. Abner G. Fish called here. Cut a box full of potatoes. Read some. J. J. Backus spent the evening here.
4494. Burned in about 10 o'clock.

Monday.

15th Wind easterly. Weather cloudy most of the day.
Planted potatoes until I had used all that was cut then cut some more. The last cow that will come in this spring; calved this morning. Put a hook on the bull to prevent him jumping fences.
Cut potatoes in the evening. Burned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

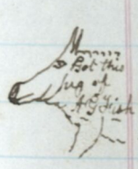
16th Wind . Weather clear. Got ready and went to town in our cart. Carried the first pound of butter. Sold it for 44 cts. Sold my eggs for 20 cts pr doz.
Potatoes were sold today on the public square for 1.60 cts pr bushel, at auction. Did my errands. Took my meals at Sarah B. Wood's. Called at the paint shop.
Played a few games of checkers. Called on brother
812. Charles B. Gardner. Attended Lodge and Degree meetings in the evening. Came home where I arrived about 1 o'clock, morning. Having a barrel of coal in the cart I had to drive slow. Burned in soon after getting home.

Wednesday.

17th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Yesterday Abner G. Fish, began to plow my cornland and finished today.
I finished dropping the potatoes in the furrows and covering them with manure, and filled about half the furrows with the plow. After tea rode over to Pocasset; stopped at C. B. Paddock's. Burned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

18th Took breakfast at Paddock's; After which he made me three swivels. put an eye to a part of a spade which made a grub-hoe of it and put a thimble on a



ning, and gave me a ditch-claw in exchange for an old muckfork. Went around in the village and saw some of the residents. Left Paddocks and stopped at Capt C.C. Foy's a little while; then came home. Rainy. Arrived here at 1 o'clock.

Wrote some. About 5 o'clock, borrowed J.J. Backus' wagon and Lydia and I rode to town in the rain. Stopped at C.B. Woods — put the horse up. Attended meeting of Rebekah Lodge; after meeting went to Sarah B.'s and got ready and came home. Foggy. Arrived at 1 o'clock. Turned in.

Friday.

19th " Wind N.W. Weather clear. Finished planting the potatoes. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

20th " Harrowed some on the cornland. Turned in about 9.

Sunday.

21st " Went over to John's and read his paper and brought mine home. After noon Lydia and I rode to Charles Starbuck's. Capt C.C. Foy, wife and daughter, C.P. Paddock and wife came there in the captain's wagon. Had a pleasant time and left there about 9 o'clock and came home. Turned in immediately.

Monday.

22d " Harrowed on the cornland before noon. After noon finished mending the north lot fence. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

23d " Made preparations and rode to town. Carried 6 lbs butter did not sell it all. Took dinner at C.B. Woods. Did my errands. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on bro Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Arrived home about midnight. Turned in soon after.

818.

Wednesday.

24th " Harrowed on the cornland until noon. After noon cleared away around the stone wall near the south door of the barn; the wall is broken down at that place. Read some in the "History of the Quakers". Turned in about 8 o'clock.

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May.

Thursday.

25th Harrowed on the cornland. Read some in the evening Turned in alone about 9 o'clock

Friday. Sarah B. Wood came here with Mr Ring.

26th Harrowed on the cornland. Turned in alone about 8 o'clock

Saturday

27th Chained out the large piece of cornland 4 feet one way and 3 the other. Marked out the small piece 3 feet each way; on which I intend planting pop corn. Turned in 8 o'clock

Sunday.

28th Went over to John's and read his paper, and brought mine home. Read some. After noon Capt E.C. Foy, wife and daughter came here and staid until 9 o'clock then went home. Turned in alone soon after they went.

Monday.

29th Began to plant corn. Made two thousand holes before noon. After noon dropped some corn and covered it. Turned in alone about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

30th Got ready and went to town. Got in debt for a Barrel of coal. Put my things in S.B. Wood's house Did my errands. Sold the butter which I carried to town; also what was left there last Tuesday.

Called on Bro Charles B. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Came home about 11½ o'clock. Turned in alone.

Wednesday.

31st Planting corn all day. Turned in alone about 8 o'clock.

June,

Thursday.

1st Planting corn all day. After tea rode to C. Starbuck's and procured some corn to plant; brought it home and shelled and put it in soak. Turned in alone

Friday.

2d Planting Holed out all the ground for corn. made near 4000 holes. Turned in alone about 9 o'clock.

Saturday

3d Carted and put into the holes for pop corn. 2 loads

17½ loads. of manure from the privy; also put some from the north lot barn into the holes for squashes, cucumbers &c.

Martha W. Fish, two children, and her sister Mary W. Gibbs came here and staid a short time after noon.

When I came in from milking at night Tim and Ellis were here having come from Brockton today.

4.45. Played checkers with Ellis until 9½ o'clock. Turned in.

Lydia has slept in the parlor with P. Coffin since the 24th of last month at which date Mary Waterman left here she having been here since the preceeding Friday.

Mrs Barrett, P. Coffin's nurse left here the 20th of last month

Sunday.

4th Wind westerly. Foggy weather. Read most of the day. Turned in about 9 o clock.

Monday.

5th Rainy most of the day. Played checkers with Ellis. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

6th Drizzling rain in the morning. Got ready and rode to town. Put my things in S. B. Wood's house. Did my errands. Ellis rode to town with me. and brought out his and Tim's trunks and the other things.

Took my meals at Sarah B.'s. Called on brother

8.15. Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening; while there a gentleman called and offered me $75 for my best cow. I did not sell her. Rode home with J. F. Packus.

Turned in soon after getting home.

Wednesday.

7th Clear weather. Yesterday Ellis and Tim planted what corn there was soaked. Today. Hauled the pump spear out of the box. In pumping. yesterday; Ellis caught the box under the chamber and we could not get it up.

Ellis carried in the cart a calf to the Burgess bro's farm, and the spear to town to have a new one made by C. P. Gardner. Tim and I planted popcorn. Ellis came up about noon. After noon planted cucumbers and.

June and Hubbard squash seeds. Fitted and marked the ground for beans. and planted some. Moses Foy, Mary Ann Whippey and Hattie King came here and staid about an hour. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

8th Clear weather. Com after breakfast rode to town and got George G. Bunker's gear for taking the pump logs out. Charlie R. Paddock helped me load them. Brought it home and after dinner put the shears up and hoisted the logs out Ellis and Vim helped me.

After tea worked at digging the upper box out with a chisel on a pole. The box is about three feet from the upper end of the log. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

4496.

Friday.

9th Clear weather. Vim and Ellis walked to town. I dug away at the old pump-box. Ellis came home about noon. Willie Wyer brought Vim out at night. Played checkers in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

10th Foggy in the morning. clear afterwards.

Dug away at the old box. Took a piece of rope and put a rolling hitch over a piece of the box while the box was in the log 4 feet distant from the end; rigged a spanish windlass on the rope and hove the principal part of what remained of the box, out. Drew out the lower box; hooked on the lower log and hoisted it into the well; after dinner placed it, and by night put the upper log in place. Played checkers until 9 o'clock; then turned in.

Sunday.

11th Wind westerly. weather cloudy. Ellis and Vim went daming and got about half a bushel.

Read until noon. About that time Willie Wyer came here. in a horse and wagon. at 1 o'clock Charles Starbuck and his two daughters rode here.

Near 4 o'clock it began to rain and thunder and

lighten very heavy, and continued with scarce any intermission until morning. Soon after 8 o'clock eve' Charles and the girls went home and Willie went soon after.

4497. Read some and turned in about 1/2 o'clock.

Monday.

Rainy in the morning: wind westerly.

12th When the weather cleared Ellis and Wm helped me plant beans. finished planting the treebeans and planted some yellow eyed beans on the south and west sides of the corn and along the south side of the potatoes. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

13th Got ready and soon after breakfast rode to town. Did my errands took my meals at Sarah B. Woods. Sold my butter.

Went down to the paint shop of D. B. Paddock and Co. and cruised around generally. After tea called over to Charlie Paddock's and bro Charles W. Gardner's. Attended Lodge and Camp in the evening. Went to the barn and found bro Buckman and wife there with a light and trying to assist my horse who was cast and laying in a very uncomfortable position; got him clear and helped him up — examined him: couldn't find any marks, bruises, broken bones or any hurt about him; except that his left hind leg was very lame. Went to Sarah B.'s in about an hour, and sat there and read until near 12 o'clock, midnight. Then went to the barn with a lantern.

Wednesday.

14th Went back to Sarah B.'s. went to the barn twice before 4 o'clock. Went again at 6 and gave him some corn: at 7. gave him some grass that Jimmie Coffin gave me.

Tended around the horse, until about 4 o'clock then borrowed a shovel of Mr Michael King and banked up with sand at the sill of the barndoor and three men helped me get the horse out of the barn.

In the forenoon went to the wharf and saw the boats off. that carried the brother Masons and Odd Fellows to the Wauwinet House at the head of the harbor. Ellis came from the farm

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June. about noon and I sent the things out home by him.
I spent the evening at bro' C.P. Paddock's. Went to Sarah B.'s and. turned in about 10½ o'clock.

Thursday.

15th Mending on the horse all day. Near 4 o'clock Lydia came to Sarah B.'s having ridden to town with Richard C. Burgess; made preparations and attended the meeting of the K.D. Lodge. Had a very pleasant and sociable time and returned to Sarah B.'s about 11 o'clock.

#498. Turned in soon after getting there.

Friday.

16th Mending on the horse. he is very lame - but I can't find any soreness anywhere about his left leg or any where near it. Walked him around some. Took my meals at Sarah B.'s. After tea went over to brother Paddock's and spent the evening. About 9½ o'clock he and I went to where the horse was and I drove him up main street to Bloom. through Bloom to Vestal down Vestal into New dolar lane through that and the other lanes onto the Mill hills. near the mill and left him.

Called at Sarah B.'s - then went to Paddock's and talked until midnight: then turned in.

Saturday.

17th Took breakfast at bro' Paddocks. then went to where I left the horse and drove him as far "Wyer's valley: there met Ellis Jones coming to town with a team. left my horse there and rode with Ellis to the steamboat and left him and his trunk there. went with the team and bought a barrel of coal and came to where the horse was left. drove the team and led Charlie home: rode most of the way. Jim drove the team over to John's and left it. it belongs there. drove Charlie around some and chored around. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Sunday.

18th Clear weather wind southerly. Read some and drove Charlie around some. he laid down and we had a job

to get him on his feet again. Afternoon Lydia, Sim and W. Coffin and child borrowed a team of J.J. Backus and rode to C. Starbuck's. Near 3 o'clock we started for there and stopped at E.C. Morris's a short time and arrived after 4 o'clock. Had tea about 6 and spent a pleasant evening until after 9 o'clock, then we all rode home. Drove the team over to John's unharnessed the horse and let him into the garden. Came home.

1499. Burned in soon after getting home.

Monday.

19th Wind southerly. Foggy in the morning; cleared soon after sunrise. Planted some squash and beet seeds; hoed the Hubbard squashes and cucumbers. Drove Charlie around some.

Afternoon hoed beans and drove Charlie round. Sim borrowed Mr. Weick's horse and he and W. Coffin rode to Mr. Boden's; they returned before dark. Sim then drove the horse home. J.J. Backus called here in the evening.

Burned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

12th Foggy in the morning; but cleared wind S. West. Borrowed John's mare (the colt came with her) made preparations and rode to town; - had the mare shod. did my errands. Put the mare and colt in G.A. Backus's yard. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Wood's.

Afternoon doing errands and going around down to the paint shop &c. Took tea at Sarah B.'s.

Called on Charlie Paddock and bro Charles P. Gardner.

817. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to G.A. Backus's and harnessed the mare and drove to Sarah B.'s - put my things in the wagon. Sarah B. and Katie then came home. Drove home - put the horse into John's garden when I got into the house it was 11:35 o'clock. Turned in soon.

Drizzley

Wednesday.

20th Foggy in the morning. Wind S.W. Made a clothespin-box and a tub for W. Coffin. Drew the pump boxes packed the lower box and put them back; the pump does not work any better, loses water just the same.

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June. Chored around some; Lydia and P. Coffin walked down to Abner G. Fish's and carried the baby. They returned after tea. Drew the boles the second time the pump does not work any better. Took the shears down and coiled the rigging up. About dark the Starbuck girls came here also Alfred C. Eldredge and Lydia B. Morris all in one wagon. Joseph Steingardt, wife and Mrs C. F. Swain came in another carriage.

I played checkers with Joe. They went home near 10 o'clock. Turned in soon after they went.

Thursday.

22d Clear weather. Wind S.W. Cultivated potatoes the first time with Charlie. George Lewis came and recieved the last calf that I shall sell this season. D.W. & R.C. Burgess sent for it. Tim and I hoed some of the potatoes. After noon. Finished hoeing the potatoes. Read some. J.J. Backus called over here. — Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

4500.

Friday.

23d Wind westerly. Weather clear. Cultivated some of the corn. Ground two scythes. After tea J.J. Backus came here and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

Saturday.

24th Wind westerly. Weather clear untill noon, then cloudy. Cultivated corn until "Charlie" fell down. Tim went over and called John, and he came and helped us get him up. in turning round he fell down again. Let him lay. John went back. Tim and I hoed the beans on the south and west sides of the corn. Helped Charlie up and cultivated till noon.

Helped John get his mowing machine out of the house. When we went to work Charlie was laying down. Hoed the tree-beans &c. Charlie would not try to get up. Got the scythes and began to mow in the north lot. After tea A.G. Fish called

here; he had his cows in the lane. He and Tim and I went to where the horse was;- got him up and Tim led him to the pond to drink;- then tethered him; he soon laid down. Before going to bed I loosed him.

Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

25th Wind westerly. Weather clear and bright.

Charlie has got up twice and laid down again this morning; he appears to be in a considerable pain.

Went over to John's and recieved a gallon of molasses and a couple of rifles that he bought for me in town last night. Charlie has been down most of the day. Wear early helped Charlie up on to his feet and walked him around some. Read a little

Turned in about 9¼ o'clock.

Monday.

26th Wind westerly. Weather foggy in the morning, but it soon cleared and became very warm.

Charlie was feeding round; about noon he laid down Tim and I mowed in the north lot on the three acre piece where I had oats last year.

Toward night Tim and I hauled Charlie out of the pond and tried to get him on his feet. He would not help himself any. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

27th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Turned out soon after 4 o'clock. morn'. Did the chores and got already to go to town. Saw Charlie so far into the pond that I was afraid he would drown. Changed my clothes and Tim and I went and pulled him out; John came over and helped us. Changed my clothes — went over to John's and got his mare and wagon — brought them to our house — put our things in and Lydia and I rode to town, with the colt following. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's. Delivered some of the butter. Put the horse in the stable at George H. Packus's.

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June. Did some errands – took dinner at Sarah B.'s.
Looking for a horse to buy – had some offered me at $125. Took tea at Benj^a F. Wyer's with company.
818. Called on bro. Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s. She and Katie were at David W. Burgess'. Lydia and Emily J. Snow and her daughter were at the house: left them there and went to G. A. Backus's – harnessed the horse and rode to Sarah B.'s – put our things in the wagon and Lydia after locking the house, rode home, where we arrived shortly after midnight. Drove the horse and wagon over to John's – let the horse go, and put the wagon under the barn. Came home and turned in.

4501. *Wednesday.*

28th *Wind westerly. Weather clear and hot.* Charlie got up yesterday about noon, himself. Vim walked to Mrs Weick's to borrow her horse. he came back without her. she had gone to town
He and O mowed in the front lot until noon.
After noon raked the hay in the north lot with the dragrake and cocked it. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

29th *Weather clear. Wind westerly.* Vim went to Mrs Weick's last evening and staid all night and brought her horse here this morning. He and O finished cultivating the corn for the first time and cultivated the potatoes the second time.
After tea Vim carried the horse home.
W. Coffin and child rode to town with G. A. Backus she intends going to Brockton next monday.
Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Friday.

30th *Wind westerly. Weather clear and hot.*
Vim and O hoed potatoes until noon. After noon
2 loads. carted in the hay from the north lot. 2 loads. also raked and cocked the hay in the front lot. John
4502. came over in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock

July 1st

Saturday.

Wind westerly. Weather foggy in the morning but soon cleared and was very hot. Sim and I mowed the piece of herdsgrass and clover at the front of the house. After tea Sim rode to town with F. F. Backus. He will go to Brockton with W. Coffin on Monday.

4503. Read some. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Sunday.

2d Foggy in the morning. Wind westerly. Cleared quite early. Put a bridle and reins on the bull "Abner", and drove him round some. Bunched some of the hay in the front lot. Read a considerable.

While I was milking at night; Wm H. Chadwick drove in here and I gave him my Treasurer's report to carry to Wm C. L. Hommedieu the Chairman of the Finance Committee of Nantucket Lodge No. 64. I.O.O.F.

F. F. Backus came over and staid a short time.

Read some and turned in.

Last Tuesday James Austin gave me a copy of Sewel's "History of the Quakers".

Monday.

3d Wind westerly. Foggy but soon cleared. Hoed a few rows of potatoes. Bunched some of the hay in the front lots.

After noon. Helped John cart in 3 loads of hay. Wind very strong. Sim came home, he helped me bunch the remainder of the hay.

After tea rode to town with F. F. Backus and carried the butter and eggs; put them in Sarah B. Wood's house. Bought some groceries and carried them there. Went over to Charlie Paddock's and worked a little on his boat sail. Went from there to Sarah B.'s and changed some of my clothes. Called at D. W. Burgess's in Gorham's Court and saw Sarah B. Went to G. H. Backus's and came home with John; where I arrived at 11½ o'clock.

Turned in as soon as I got home.

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July 4th

Tuesday.

Wind Westerly. Weather clear. It is one hundred years today since this corentry was declared independent of the government of Great Britain.

Procured G. F. Backus's horse and Lydia and I rode to town. Eat something at Sarah B's. Went over to Charlie Paddock's. Went from there with him and bent the sails of his boat on the wharf. Took tea at Paddack's near 6 o'clock. Carried my butter to the customers. Called on bro C. P. Gardner. Called at the Lodge room in the evening: no Meeting. Went to Paddacks and staid a short time Went to Sarah B's: Lydia was there: She and I took our boxes and things and carried them to G. A. Backus's;— harnessed the horse and came home where we arrived about 11½ o'clock.

4504. Put the horse away and turned in.

Sim came here yesterday and went to Charles Chadwick's today, to a quantum.

Wednesday.

5th " Foggy in the morning; cleared before noon. Wind west. Doubled the cocks of hay in the front lot. Feeling rather bad I laid down on the floor 2 or 3 hours in the middle of the day. It was very warm. Finished hoeing the potatoes the second time. G. F. Backus came over here after tea and staid about an hour Turned in as soon as he went. 8¾ o'clock.

Thursday.

6th " Wind westerly; weather clear. Drove the bull "Abner" round some in the morning. Mowed some in the south meadow. Sim came home about noon having been in town since Tuesday evening: where he went at that time. After noon doubled the cocks of hay for the second time. Mowed some in the meadow. Ground the scythes. Gave the bull a lesson in "drawing." Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock

Friday.

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Wind northerly. Weather clear, warm and dry.
Asked John for the horse to cart in some hay; he could n't let me have him. Mowed in the south meadow. Soon after noon Wm started for town and Lydia accompanied him as far as W. S. Fish's. Finished mowing the south meadow. Raked about half of the treebeans. Raked some of the hay on the south meadow into windrows, with the dragrake. Lydia returned from Skinner's about dark. J. J. Backus came over and engaged Lydia to do some cooking for himself. Read 1999 Turned in about 9 3/4 o'clock

Saturday.

8th 10

Wind westerly. Weather clear. Gave the bull a lesson. Finished hoeing the treebeans the second time. Mowed some Canada thistles north of the barn. Cocked some of the hay in the south meadow. After noon. very hot. Raked and cocked the remainder of the hay on the south meadow.
Soon after 5 o clock Lydia rode to town with G. W. Backus. She has not returned, at this present writing 10 1/2 o'clock, eve. She came home about 11 1/2 o. clock. Turned in.

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Sunday.

9th 17

Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Read a considerable
Mary Jane Backus and two of her children called here. Near 4 o'clock eve J. J. Backus lent me the
8 loads. old white horse and the cart and I carted in 6 loads of hay; 5 of them off of the acre piece front of the house and the other one from the upland around the margin of the south meadow. Etta and Ella Starbuck, Lydia B. Morris and "My little Mother" called here about 7 o'clock and staid near an hour. J. J. Backus called here.
I got my chores done about 9 o'clock. Turned in about 10.

Monday.

11th 17

Wind southerly. Weather cloudy. Began to mow in the north meadow. Mowed a little over half an acre.

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July. and raked it with the drag rake and cocked it in small cocks. Just after dinner I raked the rakings in the front lot. Gave the bulls a couple of lessons through the day. J.J. Backus was over in the evening a little while. Turned in about 8¾ o'clock.

Tues-day.

11th Wind westerly. Weather cloudy. Went over to John's and got the old horse "Whitey" and the wagon. Got them here and Lydia and I rode to town and carried the butter — delivered it to the customers in town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house she was not at home, being over to D.W. Burgess' new house helping them. Bought a barrel of coal. Put the horse up in the stable at C.H. Backus's. Walked to Sarah B's. and eat something there.

Called on Mrs Martha Gardner and recieved $5 and paid Wm H. Caswell's dues at the Nantucket Lodge I.O.O.F. Sold my eggs at 25 cts per dozen Bought my groceries. About noon a young man was drowned back of the bar; the boat capsised and sunk and those in her started to swim to Cotue. There were six in the boat, one by the name of Samson about 20 years of age became exhausted and sunk. the other 5 were picked up by men in two dories that started from the cliff. The men were in the water about an hour. Eat supper at Sarah B's. Carried 3½ lbs of butter to O.G. Coffin's to be sold. Called at Charles B. Paddock's and 819. Charles B. Gardners. Attended Lodge in the evening After meeting. Went and got the horse and drove to Sarah B's and put our things in and Lydia. V. Coffin and her baby rode home with me; where we arrived about 1 o'clock in a very heavy squall of rain besides having one on the road. Carried the horse home. raining heavy. Came back. Had something to eat and turned in before 2 o'clock. morn.

Wednesday.

12th Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Gave the bull a lesson. I give him two or three each day. Jim and I mowed some in the north meadow. turned the cocks of hay there and opened those on the south meadow. After noon had G.C. Gardner's old horse "Whitey" and Jim and I carted in the hay from the south meadow. 2½ loads. Doubled the cocks of hay in the north meadow. After tea Jim did the chores. He walked here from town last Tuesday. I mowed in the north meadow until sundown Turned in soon after 8: o'clock

2½ loads.

Thursday.

13th Wind westerly. Weather clear and hot. Gave the bull a lesson. Mowed in the meadow until noon. After noon doubled all the cocks there and cocked all the swaths. Mowed until teatime. Jim did the chores. Mattie Mitchell Fish was here to tea I mowed in the meadow until sundown. Jimmie Carney came here and got some potatoes for Mrs Weick. J.J. Backus came over here in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

14th Wind S.W. Weather very warm. Jim and I mowed in the north meadow until near noon, then doubled the large cocks, those that were mowed first. making three times that they have been doubled.

Mrs Rebecca Wm. Barrett took dinner with us; also tea.

Cocked the swaths that were mowed last night and this forenoon. After tea I mowed until sundown. Jim did the chores. J.J. Backus called here. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

15th Wind easterly. Weather foggy in the morning. clear in the middle — foggy again toward night.

Gave the bull a lesson in drawing. Jim and I mowed in the meadow till near noon then opened the first hay that was mowed. Doubled some of the cocks.

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13½ loads. After noon had G.C.Gardner's old horse "Whitey" and carted in 3 loads of hay from the north meadow.

After tea bunched all the swaths on the north meadow and doubled the bunches that were left at noon. Foggy.

4506. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Sunday.

16th Wind very light from the southward. Weather clear & warm.

Went over to John's and recieved my paper.

Raked between the cocks and bunches on the north meadow also raked the ground over that we took the hay from yesterday. After noon had John's mare and colt and Lydia and I rode over to Capt E.C.Foy's. Before we went Charles Starbuck came here and got his clothes that Lydia washed for him. When we arrived at Capt Foy's, Charles and his two daughters were there. Had a real pleasant time; as we always do, and came home about 10 o'clock. Carried the horse home. Came back, eat- turned in.

Monday.

17th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Gave the bull a lesson on the brush-harrow. Ground the scythes. Turned the cocks and bunches on the north meadow. Lim and I mowed there till noon. After noon had old Whitey

17½ loads. and carted in from the north meadow 5½ loads of hay.

After tea doubled all the cocks there - mowed some wild stuff - also a couple swarthes of grass - came up after sundown. Wrote a little right here. Turned in 8½ o'clock

Tuesday.

18th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Soon after breakfast brought over John's mare, wagon and colt, and Lydia and I rode to town. Delivered the butter 11 lbs.

Took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Did my errands. Called at the paint shop of Paddock & Co.

Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Charlie Paddock's

820. and Charles P. Gardner's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went over to Paddock's and staid near an hour then went

to Sarah B's; from there down to G.H.B. Backus's and got the horse, and went to the house. took in the things and Lydia and came home, where we arrived near
45½. 1 o'clock. Drove the horse home Turned in.

Wednesday.

19th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Mowed in the north meadow. Doubled some of the cocks there. Mowed some after tea. Turned in about 8½ o'clock

Thursday.

20th Weather clear. Wind westerly. Mowed in the north meadow until the dew was dried off; then opened some of the cocks of hay. After noon turned the
21 loads. hay and corted in with G.C. Gardner's horse 3½ loads

After tea had G.H. Backus's mare and wagon and Lydia and I rode to town, left the team at G.H. Backus's and walked to Sarah B. Wood's and changed our clothes. Attended meeting of the Degree of Rebekah. Went from Lodge over to Charles R. Paddocks and staid an hour then went to Sarah B's changed our clothes and walked to G.H.B. Backus's — harnessed the horse and rode home — It thundered and lightened all the while that we were coming home. when nearly here it began to rain. Drove into John's yard and under the barn. unharnessed the mare and let her go, and Lydia and I walked home; where we arrived near 12 o'clock not much wet. By 12½ o'clock the tempest was at its heighth. Turned in soon after getting home.

Friday.

21st Wind westerly. Weather clear. Mowed some and opened and dried the hay. Put the cocks up again. let the swaths lay. After tea I mowed some while I in did the chores. G.H. Backus came over and staid a short time. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

22d Wind N.E. Weather cloudy and cool; but cleared soon. Finished mowing the north meadow. I in raked some

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After noon had George C.'s horse and carted into
24 loads. the barn 3 loads. After tea raked the rakings also some of the swarths and cocked a little.

Abner S. Fish called here just before sundown and staid a little while. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Sunday.

23d Wind southerly. Weather cloudy. Went over to Johns and read his paper and took it and mine and came home. Gave the bull a lesson. Read and wrote some.

We are now (10 o'clock) having a nice rain with a little thunder: most of the thunder passed to the north of the islands. Read and wrote some.

Toward night the weather cleared and Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came here and brot some clothes for Lydia to wash; they staid about
4508. an hour then went home. Read some. Turned in at 8¾ o'clock.

Monday.

24th Wind N.E. Weather cloudy. Helped John grind a scythe. Gave the bull a lesson. Tim and I opened all the hay on the north meadow. Cultivated the pop-corn one way with "Charlie". Turned the hay on the meadow.

After noon turned the hay and bunched it; then cultivated a little of the pop-corn. Had J. B. Gardners
26 loads. horse and carted in 2 loads of hay from the north meadow. After tea raked the rakings and cocked the hay. Tim did the chores. A woman brought a letter to P. Coffin from town. it came from her husband in Brockton. John was over a little while.

Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

25th Wind Westerly. Weather clear. Had John's mare and colt and Lydia and I rode to town. Delivered the butter. 9 lbs; having sent 7½ down through the week.

Put the horse up at S. A. Backus's. Had a lunch at T. B. Wood's; the was away stopping at

W. H. H. Smith's. Did my errands. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Charles S. Macy was there he came from New York last Friday. Went down on the steamboat wharf - to J. D. Mitchell's shop - and the paint shop. Eat supper at Sarah B.'s. Called at C. S. Macy's and stopped until it was time to go to Lodge.

821. Attended that meeting also the session of the Encampment. Went to Sarah B.'s changed my boots and hat. and went to S. H. Backus's and brought the team to the house - put the things in, and Lydia and I rode home; where we arrived about 11½ o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

26th Wind S.W. Rainy a little in the early morning: but clear by 9 o'clock. Cultivated the remainder of the popcorn and a row of the potatoes then went over to John's to get the horse to cart in the hay could not have him.

After noon ~~opened~~ turned the hay on the meadow that we opened this forenoon. Finished hoing the popcorn. Jim hoed some of it yesterday. Hoed the cucumbers and the beets. Cocked the hay on the meadow.

After tea Jim walked into Phelps. I did the chores. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

27th Calm: then wind easterly. Weather clear.

Jim came home. Had J. C. Gardner's horse and carted in the last load of hay from the north meadow. 27 loads.

Helped John weigh 8 sheep. Plowed between some of the rows of potatoes with our horse "Charlie"; he is pretty lame. After noon picked some berries.

Finished plowing the potatoes and hoed some of the treebeans Lydia, P. Coffin and the baby went to Abner D. Fish's. Picked some blackberries. The women folk came home. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock. eve.

Friday.

28th Wind southerly. Weather clear. Cultivated some of the corn with "Charlie". Planted some cucumber seeds.

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July. Finished hoing the treebeans and began to hoe the potatoes. Mary S. Prouty and another female called here. After noon cultivated some more corn and hoed about half of the potatoes. E.J. Backus came over here and staid about an hour after tea. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Saturday.

29th Wind southerly. Weather rainy. After doing the chores I read some. Mended the dragrake. Gave the bull a lesson. After noon clear weather. Went berrying and picked near 3 quarts; got back at 3¼ o'clock. Sarah Backus and Mary Abbie Hillsker came over here. I picked three pints more of blackberries, Lydia rode to town with E.J. Backus, after tea. Abner S. Fish called here about sundown and staid more than hour. Read through the evening. Lydia returned at 10¾ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Sunday.

30th Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Gave the bull a lesson. Went over to John's and staid more than an hour. Read some. After noon Lydia, Sim and I rode to Charles Starbucks with John's horse. When we arrived there the people were all gone. I went and picked some blackberries. Capt E.C. Fry, wife and daughter Mary came and opened the house. About half an hour after that the folk came home. Charles, George H. and the two girls; and D.W. Burgess and wife; they had been to the Wauwinet House at the head of the harbor. We spent a pleasant afternoon and evening and came home about 9¾ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Monday.

31st Wind N.E. Weather foggy. Chored around and ground my jackknife. Went down to the potato patch and began to hoe; but the rain drove us to the house. No peddler came here with dry goods to sell. After noon helped John grind 2 scythes. Hoed a couple of rows of potatoes. Damp weather.

A gentleman and lady called here, and inqired the way to the Gibbs house at Skimmo Springs. P. Coffin told them. Dim is picking blackberries in the north lot. I picked 3 quarts in the front lot. Read some Turned in 8:45th.

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Tuesday.

Wind easterly. Weather not very clear. Got ready and Lydia, P. Coffin and her baby rode to town with me; we had John's mare and colt. Left P. Coffin and baby at Mary Waterman's. Delivered the butter. Put the horse and colt up at G. H. Bakers's. Took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Did my errands. Played checkers in Jones's shop with John Beebe. Recieved a postal card for Dim; he is wanted in Brockton to work at shoemaking. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Paddock's.

8221. Attended Lodge and Degree meeting in the evening. Called over to Paddock's after Lydia; she was not there. Went to Sarah B.'s and Lydia and I walked from there to where the horse was, and came home where

4510. we arrived about 11 o'clock. Turned in soon after. Had one of my spells and turned out. Turned in again. Had to turnout the second time. Turned in.

Wednesday.

2d Went to sleep about 2 o'clock morn'. Wind easterly, Weather cloudy a little. Gave the bull a lesson.

~~Hoed some of the pd~~

Made preparations and Lydia, Dim and I rode to town with John's mare the colt following. Put the horse up at G. H. Bakers's. Walked to Sarah B. Wood's. Had a lunch there. Went down street and on to the wharf and when the steamboat left bid Dim, P. Coffin and the baby "good bye"; they have gone to Brockton to stay. Had a look at the new restaurant and the steam yatch "Island Belle. Called into the paint shop. Went to Sarah B.'s and got ready, and went and got the mare and went came back to Sarah B. put our things in the wagon and Katie Wood came home

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August. with us where we arrived soon after 4 o'clock.
Did the chores. J. J. Backus came over after tea.
Picked a mess of skunk beans and the first cucumber.
Turned in about 8 o'clock.
While in town paid Jimmie Norcross $6 ground rent.

Thursday.

8th Wind easterly. Weather clear. Gave the bull a lesson.
Hoed some potatoes. After noon laid down, having the headache. Got up and fixed the clocks.
Katie went berrying. After tea I went and dug and brought home a peck of quahaugs. Read some.
Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Friday.

4th Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Gave the bull a lesson
Hoed potatoes. Dug some quahaugs. Read some
4511. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

5th Wind westerly. Weather clear. Gave the bull a lesson
Finished hoeing the potatoes. Chored around some.
Had a nap. After tea Katie and I went quahauging and got a peck; came home about moon-rise. Ate some of the
Read some and turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

6th Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Went over to John's and got our paper. Lydia and Katie walked down to U. S. Fish's, just before noon. Read some.
Near 2 o'clock Capt E. C. Foy, wife and daughter came here from Wesconsett. Set a waif for Lydia; and she and Katie came home. D. W. Burgess, and wife and daughter and Sarah B. Wood came here from town about 3 o'clock. Had tea at 4½ o'clock.
David and company left here for home about 7½ o'clock.
Capt Foy and his people went about 9½ o'clock.
We had a real pleasant time together and I hope they will all come again soon.
4512. Turned in soon after they left.

Monday.

7th " Wind easterly Weather pleasant and very warm. Mowed about 3/4 of the acre-piece front of the house; raked and cocked it all done by hand.

J. J. Packus was over a little while after tea.

Turned in soon after John went home.

Tuesday.

8th " Wind westerly. Weather clear and hot. Had John's mare and colt and Lydia, Katie and I rode to town. Delivered the butter 11 lbs. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house; she was away from home.

Bought a barrel of coal of Capt Wm Cleave - 90 cts. Put the horse up at Sco. Co. Packus's. Went to the house and had a lunch. Afternoon did my errands.

Mended a table, and fixed a window for Eliza Paddock. 20 cts. Took supper at the house alone.

Called into D. W. Burgess' new house to see Sarah B; Capt C. C. Foy and family were there having come to town to attend the funeral of Mary E. Foy the daughter of the late George Foy. Charlie Paddock and family are on Muckernuck. Called on Charles W. Gardner and found him quite sick.

823. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went from there to Sarah B's. Lydia was there. Changed my boots and hat - walked down to G. A. Packus's - harnessed the horse and Mary Abbie Hilliker and her son Willie rode with me to Sarah B's. Put our things into the wagon and we all rode home together where we arrived about midnight. Took our things out and Mary Abbie and Willie rode over to John's with me. Unharnessed the horse and let her go — put the wagon under the barn and came back to the house. Eat something; and turned in.

Wednesday.

9th " Wind easterly. Weather clear and warm. Gave the bull a lesson. Went quahauging dug a half bushel and G. A.

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Packus brought them up to John's house for me in his cart. Doubled the cocks of second crop in the front lot. Went over and brought the quahaugs home. Chored around and wrote some. Lydia picked some blackberries and sent them to town by John. to Mrs Sarah Smith. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

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Thursday.

10th " Almost calm. Weather clear and hot. Set some posts at the east side of the front yard next the road. After noon Lydia and I went berrying and got a couple of quarts. Chored around. Turned in about 8¼ o'clock.

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Friday.

11th " Wind southerly. Weather clear. Gave the bull a lesson. Hoed a little among the corn and hoed the cucumbers. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

12th " Clear hot weather. Wind light from the eastward. There has been a tent on Pocomo farm since last Thursday. Picked some berries. Read some.

4515. Chored around some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

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Sunday.

13th " Wind easterly and very light. Weather clear, foggy at night. Went over to John's and read some and get my paper. Read some. I went claming yesterday in the creek, that part of it that is nearest our house in a direct line from the house.

After noon Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came here. Shortly after, E. B. Fox, wife and daughter Mary came; they all staid to tea and well into the evening. Had a real pleasant time and they left for

4517. home about 8½ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Monday.

14th " Wind S. E. Weather slightly cloudy. Chored around some. Went claming and dug a peck, in the creek. Picked some beans, cucumbers, squashes, and dug potatoes.

Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

15th " Heavy rain in the morning. Wind westerly.
Got ready and about noon rode to town with G. C. Gardner's horse "Old Whitey". Delivered the butter. Eat dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Went to the barn where I used to keep the horse "Charlie" and harnessed the Old Whitey to my cart, that I left there about the middle of June, and carried it just beyond the end of Grange street, and left it; went to where I left the wagon, near the house formerly occupied by James Gillespie and harnessed the same horse to that and drove to G. H. Bakers's and put the horse up in the stable and fed him. Did my errands. Took tea with Sarah B.. Went on the square and heard the band play. Attended Lodge in the evening.
Went to Sarah B's. From there and brought the horse up — put our things in and Lydia and I came home; where we arrived about 11¼ o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

16th " Wind easterly. Weather clear. Gave the bull a lesson as I do every morning. Drove the horse "Charlie" down to where the cart was left. Lydia walked as far as H. B. Fish's with me. Harnessed the horse to the cart and came as far as Abner's. There Lydia got in and we rode home.
~~After noon~~ Thursday I carted 6 loads of turf into the pens. They were not very heavy loads; because it was the first time that I had carted with Charlie since he was hurt on the 13th of June last. His hips appear to be shoved out of place and look like following line.  viewing above the horizontal line. Read a little
Turned in about 9¾ o'clock.

Thursday.

17th " Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. See Wednesday.
Near noon Lydia and I got ready and walked

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August. over to John's, and there took "Old Whitey" and rode in the wagon to town. Put the horse up at G. A. Backus's, and walked from there to Sarah B. Wood's.

Went down to Burgess bro's market and got my butterbox that I left there last Tuesday - sold a pound of butter out of it. rainy Called on Harriet Allen at aunt Nancy's and saw Deborah Hartford and two of her children there. Carried my leg to Sarah B.'s and took tea with her. rainy. Called on bro' Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge of D of B. Went to Sarah B's. Read a little and turned in on the sofa Wm Hall

Rainy.

Friday.

18th Wind easterly - weather clear. Turned out about 4 o'clock and walked down to Geo A. Backus's.

Harnessed the horse and Lydia and I rode from there to John's, and walked from there home.

After doing the chores had some breakfast. Chored around until noon. After noon carted and spread and mixed with the dung under the barn; 5 loads of turf. G. J. Backus called here after tea and staid till 8¼ o'clock. Turned as soon as he went.

Saturday.

19th Wind S.E. Weather clear. As soon as breakfast Lydia and I rode in our cart down to C. E. Fish's. She went from there, with his wife to Thomas Bibbs's at Pocoy. I rode home. Gave the bull a lesson.

Carted and mixed with the dung under the barn, 4 loads of turf. After noon carted 3 loads of turf and mixed it under the barn.

After tea, walked down to Abner's and waited for the women to come. When they came Lydia and I walked home by the light of a lantern that we borrowed of them: where we arrived at 8¾ o clock.

4519. Eat a piece of pie and turned in.

Sunday.

20th Slight rain through the night. Wind north, westerly.

Weather clear this morning. Went over to John's and read his paper and brought mine home.

Read a considerable through the day. About 5 o'clock eve we had a very heavy squall of rain preceeded by thunder. The wind now (8 o'clock) is north easterly and quite heavy. Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Monday.

21st Wind northerly. Weather clear and comfortably cool.

Went over to Johns and ground my two scythes.

Gave the bull a lesson. Carted and mixed with the dung under the barn 4 loads of turf.

After noon, carted in the second crop hay from the front lot. ½ a load. Carted 4 loads of turf and mixed same as before noon. ~~Turned in at~~

Martha W. Fish ~~Burgess~~ and her two children came here just before sundown. I went to the creek and dug a few clams; got back after dark. Martha & co then went home. Willie Wyer, Willie Hartford, Lizzie Allen and Ella Gaines came here with one of Ben Wyer's teams; they staid near an hour. Turned in soon after.

Tuesday.

22d Wind northerly. Weather pleasant and cool.

Lydia and I got ready and rode to town with John's mare. Delivered the butter 13 lbs. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house. Bought a barrel of coal. Put the mare and colt up at Geo W. Backus's. Took dinner with Sarah B. Did my errands. Called at the paint shop and walked around a considerable.

Took tea at Sarah B's. Called over to Charlie Paddock's also called on bro' Charles P. Gardner.

25 Attended Lodge in the evening. Called on Capt Calvin S. Worth by his request; he is failing nearly the same as I was, 4 or 5 years ago. Had a long talk with him about his ailments. Went to Sarah B's and from there and brought the horse, and we put our things in and came home. Arrived 11:30. Turned in soon

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Wednesday.

28th. Wind easterly. Weather clear. Chored around some. Went to Quaise point; dug and brought home a little more than a peck of quahaugs.

44 loads. After noon carted 3 loads of turf and mixed with the dung under the barn. Picked some beans & corn.

4520. Turned in between 9 & 8 o clock.

Thursday.

24th. Wind southerly. Weather cloudy in the morning; but clear by noon. Went on the marsh at Shawsheen. and mowed until noon. Martin McGrish came and brought Lydia's grater home before noon.

After noon went on the marsh and mowed all but the creekstuff. Came home about 5½ o'clock.

4521. Chored around a little. Read some. Turned in before 8 o'clock. Had one of my spells; turned out. Turned in again about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

25th. Wind S.W. Weather clear. Went on the marsh moved the creekstuff and pitched it back. Came home across the creek in a direct line to the house.

After noon went and raked where I had pitched the creekstuff back; also raked some of the grass on the marsh. Came home about 4 o clock eve.

Chored around a little. Read until 8 o'clock. Then turned in.

Saturday.

26th. Wind westerly. A heavy rain about daylight. Carted and mixed with dung under the barn 50 loads. 1 load of ~~manure~~ turf. Went over and helped John grind two scythes. On coming back, saw a carriage in our yard the inmates of which were making a vast deal of noise with their mouths by way of getting themselves recognized; and I soon knew them to be Charles G. Macy and wife. His son Wats wife and son, and Mary Ann Chase. I drove my horse from John's fence

where he had been standing to the barn and unharnessed him; knowing that I should have no further use of him today. I then learned that they had come for a squantum, and that there was 2 or 3 more carriages coming. In due time Smith's squantum wagon "Centenial" came with eleven persons in it, besides the driver, Wm Hall.

The passengers were George Cash and wife, Charles R. Paddock and wife, Alexander B. Pinkham, wife and child. George B. Paddock, wife and two children. Wm Charles H Bailey and her daughter Suzie.

Soon after their arrival 4 of us men went to Polpis harbor clamming and dug and toted to the house about a bushel and a half of nice clams.

Preparations were then made and the most of the company seated themselves on logs, barrels, chairs and almost anything they could get; at the north end of the house. And, such an opening of clams, such a shirking of clams; such a chopping of clams, as you never did see. About an hour after that we were called to dinner, and 23 of us partook of some real fine stuff called chowder. (Dark now, and I'll quit.)

After having eaten that chowder with the accompaniment of mirth and jollity; we repaired to the barn, the floor of which Charles S, and his aids had cleared up and made suitable for the occupation of the company, and there the dancing was done to the music of a violin and two accordeons.

Some few amused themselves with cards, and others in various ways as suited their tastes. I gave the bull a lesson to show the proficiency he had made for the time that he had been under my tuition.

In good time we were again called upon to assist at the ancient business of eating to which we attended with the voracity and vivacity usual on such occasions.

Soon after this last performance the carriages were

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August. gotten ready and the company all left in them with many well wishes and thanks to my wife and B. and we were again "alone in our glory."
Did the chores. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

27th Fair weather. Went over to John's and read his paper and recieved mine. Chored around a little.
Near 11 o'clock Jacob B. Gibbs, wife and her uncle Wm Gruber and Jake's little girl called here and stait more than an hour. Lydia and I got ready and rode over to Capt E.C. Fry's with G.C. Gardner's horse "Old Whitey" and wagon. D. Starbuck and two daughters were there also Wms Eunice Gardner, nee, Morris and John Morris's daughter. Had a pleasant
4522. time until 9 o'clock then came home. Turned in.

Monday.

28th Went on the salt marsh and began to make my road there. Brought a jag home near noon. and found Caleb F. Allen, wife and daughter, also his sister Deborah and daughter here. Had dinner. Then Caleb and I went clamming in the creek, got about a peck: had some cooked for supper.
They left for town before dark. Turned in about 8.

Tuesday.

29th Soon after breakfast got ready and went to town. Delivered the butter 12½ lbs. Put our things in Sarah B. Wood's house. She being at D.W. Burgess'. But the horse up at G.W. Baker's. Had a lunch at the house Sold Capt Macy a half pound of butter. Sold my eggs at 28 cts pr doz.. Cruised around down street.
Eat at the house. Called on bro C.W. Gardner.
62½. Attended Lodge in the evening. Got the horse and Lydia and I arrived home about 11½ o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

30th Went on the marsh and poled the hay off of the island and worked at making the road there

Brought a jag home and found Sarah ~~and~~ Morris and Emily Caswell and her two children here.

After noon carted some of the hay off onto the hard marsh and brought a jag home. Wed Morris came here about teatime and took tea with us: the company all went home with him. Read a little and turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Thursday.

31st Went on the marsh and carted off the remainder of the road and carted home 3 jags in the course of the day. J.J. Backus came over after tea and staid about an hour. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

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Friday.

1st Wind S.W. Weather foggy in the morning; but it cleared by 10 o'clock. Carted home from the marsh 2 jags, before noon. After noon carted home 4 jags, which was the whole, when I went after the third jag, Lydia rode to W.G. Fish's with me and rode home when I brought the last one. She and I took tea there. J.J. Backus was here after tea and staid until after 8 o'clock. Turned in 8=20 o'clock.

Saturday.

2d Wind S.W. Rainy. The wind came N.W. about 10 o'clock and the weather cleared. Spread the two last jags of hay, and chored around a little.

51 loads. After noon carted a load of turf and put it into the hog's pen. Carted a load of seaweed and put it near the pen, also one to the northe end of the barn. Read till near 10 o'clock, in "Nicholas Nickleby" by Dickens". Turned in. E.B. Starbuck called here about 9½ o'clock, eve.

Sunday.

3d Wind northerly. Weather clear. Went over to John's and recieved the newspapers. Read some. Cocked some of the salt hay. Read most of the time until I was ready to go to bed, which was at 8¾ o'clock. Turned in then. William B. Starbuck.

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Monday.

Wind westerly and strong. Weather pleasant.

Carted in all of the salt hay from the front lot. When I was going after the last load, about 3 o'clock; David B. Caswell drove up here having in the carriage Mary Williams Porter. They staid about an hour and went to town.

Shortly after Charles S. Macy and wife, and Wm H. Caswell and wife came here and staid to tea. William, Elizabeth, John and David came to the island last Saturday from Westerly R.I.

Our company staid until 8 o'clock then rode to town in a bright moonlight evening.

Turned in soon after they went.

Tuesday.

5th Northerly wind and clear weather. Lydia and I made preparations and had old "Whitey" and Sarah Backus rode to town with us. Delivered the butter 12½ lbs. Left our things at Sarah B.'s. But the horse up at O. to Backus's. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands. Played checkers with John Beebe and beat him. also with G. Frank Brown and was beaten. Took tea at Sarah Smith's. William and Elizabeth are stopping there.

Called over to Charlie N. Paddock's. His wife is sick. Attended Lodge in the evening.

Went to Sarah Smith's and notified Lydia and from there and got the horse and G. to Backus, and went to Sarah B.'s and put the things in the wagon and Lydia got in, and we drove home; where we arrived about 11½ o'clock. Drove the team over to John's; Jimmie went in to John's house. Unharnessed the horse and put him in the lot and the wagon under the barn.

Came home, eat two apples and turned in.

Wednesday.

6th mo 11 Wind N. W. Weather pleasant. Dug a peck of quahaugs at Wolpis harbor and brought them home. Picked a quart of cranberries. Went over and fed John's pig. John has gone to the Fair. Read some. After noon Lydia walked down to Wm. P. Fish's, and staid till near night she rode to our gate with Jim Mooney. I chored around. Read some and mended the dragrake. John called here after he came from the Fair and asked me to do his chores tomorow evening. I told him I would. Read some Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Thursday.

4525.

7th mo 11 Wind S. W. Weather cloudy in the morning; but clear by 9 o'clock. Mowed some second crop near the peathole in the south meadow. Turfed off some for peating. Put the second crop in the barn. Did John's chores and my own. Read some.

E. F. Backus called here after tea, and went away about 9 o'clock. Read some. Turned in 11-20 o'clock.

Friday.

8th mo 11 Wind easterly, with signs of rain. Turfed off most of the day. John R. Caswell, wife and her sister called here after noon. This morning when I went out to milk, about 6 o'clock; a gentleman spoke to me, who I afterwards found to be Levi Little a preacher at Wequoit, he took breakfast with us and then walked to town. Read some. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Saturday.

9th mo 11 Wind easterly, with squalls of drizzle. Got ready and carried George W. Bunker's pump gear to town and left it at his shop. Did some errands. Had "Charlie" shod. Took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's; she and Katie came out with me about 2 o'clock. We arrived between 3 & 4 o'clock. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Sunday.

10th " Went over to John's and read the papers and brought mine home. At low tide Katie and I went quahanging and brought home about a peck.

Near 2 o'clock Capt C. C. Foy, wife and daughter came here from Wenonah. Had tea about 5 o'clock.

Charles Starbuck and his daughter Ella came here about dark, and staid an hour. Capt Foy and company went home soon after 9 o'clock. Read some and turned in.

Monday.

11th " Worked all day at turfing off. Since I began to
58 loads. turf off I have carted into the manure pen 58 loads of fine turf. J. J. Backus called here in the evening. Read some. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

12th " Soon after breakfast Lydia, Sarah B. Katie and I rode to town with old "Whitey". Left Sarah B., Katie, and our things at her house. Delivered the butter. Put the horse up at G. M. Backus's. Took dinner at Sarah B's. Did my errands. Took tea at Sarah ~~Smith~~ B's. Called over to Charlie Paddock's William and Elizabeth came home with us about 9 o'clock. Talked some and turned in.

Wednesday.

13th " Worked at carting out peat from the peat hole in the south meadow and tipping it up on the east end of the meadow near the ditch that runs
1527. east and west; until I had 18 loads there; when it
Thursday, was time to quit. Charles G. Macy and Charles R.
14th " Paddock and their wives came here with C. G's team Charles R. helped me stick the bed; then went clamming They staid and took tea with us, and just before dark went to town. We turned in about 9 o'clock.

I have made a mistake. I carted out peat on Wednesday, and ~~trod~~ trod it on Thursday.

Friday.

15th Carted out 18 loads of wet peat, before noon. After noon David B Caswell, Sarah Smith, Martha C. Gardner and Mary William's Porter ("my Little Mate") came here and took tea and then went to town. Read some and turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

16th Cut the bed of peat down the second time. Hoed and slicked the bed of peat that was carted out yesterday. Levi Little called here and took dinner with us. He came on Capt Richard Gibbs's horse; he went into Wolpis to call a meeting at the schoolhouse tomorrow. After noon David B Caswell came here with a team and Wm and Elizabeth and Lydia rode to C. C. Morris's with him. After tea I took J. J. Backus's wagon and harnessed our "Charlie" to it and went to Edward's and brought Lydia home Wm & Elizabeth had gone to town with Da, We arrived home about 8 o'clock, Turned in.

Sunday.

4528.

17th Wind S.E. and rainy weather. Went over to John's and did his chores; he has gone to Providence R.I. Borrowed some papers and came home, Read some. Laid down up stairs after dinner; while I was abed Levi Little called here; he did not come into the house; but went to town; raining heavy all the time. About 4 o'clock ere I went over to John's and hunted around about an hour and found the cattle on the eastern farm; put them in their yard, and milked John's cow, came home and did my chores, it was dark before I finished. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

18th Cut both beds of peat down. Turfed off. At noon Levi S. Coffin called here to sell me a horse.

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59 loads.

I do not want one. After noon turfed off until 4 o'clock. Carted a load into the manure pen. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

19th Got ready and as soon as breakfast, Lydia and I had John's mare and colt and the wagon and rode to town. Delivered the butter 12½ lbs. put the horse up took dinner at Sarah Smith's Did my errands. and at a little after 3 o'clock, Lydia and I came home, eat supper. Did the chores. Read some and turned in about 8 o'clock,

Wednesday.

4529.
20th Turfed off all day. After tea Lydia and I rode to town with E.P. Gardner's "old Whitey" put him up at G.W. Backus's and walked to Sarah B. Wood's — changed my clothes and spent the evening at Sarah Smith's on School st with W.H. Elizabeth. Went to Sarah B's at 9 o'clock. Turned in at 11.

Thursday.

21st After breakfast called at Charles Edwin Gardner's residence and at 9½ o'clock saw the marriage ceremony performed by the Rev Mr Haskell for D.B. Cowell and M.W. Porter. Went to the steamboat and waited until it was out of dispute of her going; then I went to Sarah B's and changed my clothes — walked down to G.W. Backus's — harnessed the horse and rode home. A heavy northeaster accompanied with drizzle. Arrived here at 11:40 o'clock Milked the cows — eat dinner — chored around and carted from the heathole into the manure pen 4 loads
68 loads. of fine turf. Drizzly. Made preparations and about 6 o'clock eve left home with old "Whitey and arrived in town at 7½ o'clock — put the horse up at G.W. Backus's — walked to Sarah B's — changed my clothes and attended M.E. meeting in the evening. After meeting Lydia went to Sarah Smith's to sleep.

I went to Sarah B.'s and told her that I should go over to Charlie Paddock's and sleep. Went there — had a long talk and slept in the chamber up stairs. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

Friday.

22d Took breakfast at Sarah B.'s — then called on Wm & Elizabeth and David B. and wife — did some errand down street. Went and bid all the friends who are going away, good bye. Went to Sarah B.'s and Lydia and I walked from there to Gate. Backus's — harnessed the horse and came home where we arrived about 10 o'clock morn'. Carted out 10 loads of wet peat. Read some and turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Saturday.

23d Carted out 9 loads of wet peat and made them and that which was carted yesterday into a bed. H. G. Fish called here and helped me stick the bed. Read some and ~~picked~~ turned in near 9 o'clock.

Yesterday near night Lydia and I picked about a bushel of very nice grapes in our south swamp.

4530.

Sunday.

24th Wind easterly — weather rainy. After doing my chores, I went over and did John's. Read some. Went into Ben Wyer's swamp and picked some grapes. While I was there Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came here. They took tea with us and went home about 8 o'clock. We turned in soon after.

Monday.

25th Wind easterly and heavy. Weather rainy and chilly. Jimmie Harney and I went into Ben Wyer's swamp and got some grapes. Rainy. Read some. Chored around a little. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

26th Lydia and I rode to town with old "Whitey". Put our things into L. B. Wood's. Delivered the butter. Put the horse up at G. W. Backus's. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s

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September. Did my wrands. Called at the paint shop. Played checkers with Jonnie & Frank Brown.
Took tea at Sarah G's — Called at Charlie Paddock's,
928. and bro Charles P Gardner's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Came home. Rainy. Turned in midnight

Wednesday.

27th Got ready and Lydia and I rode with old "Whitey" to the Wauwinett House at the head of the harbor and there with the members of the Island Lodge and invited guests and some outsiders we helped to celebrate the anniversary of the institution of the Lodge which occurs on the 29th inst.
130 people took dinner there of which 80 were odd fellows and their wives. Had some dancing and came home about dark. The wind was S.W. and very strong. The boats from town had a dead beat to get there and it took them a long time.
Lydia, Mrs Alvin Coffin and I walked down to Mr. G. Fish's where there was a husking. Mrs Coffin rode from Wauwinet with us. Staid to Skinner's till 10 o'clock, then rode home to our gate with Charles Starbuck and his girls. Turned in soon after getting home

Thursday.

4531. 28th Soon after breakfast went to Mr. G. Fish's and helped make a stack. Twelve men were there helping. They had 4 teams. Finished the stack by 3 o'clock. Took tea there and Lydia and I walked home; she had been there helping Martha. Did the chores. Read some.
4582. G.G. Backus was here and staid about an hour. Turned in early
4583.

Friday.

29th Carted from the peathole into the manure pen
65 loads. 2 loads of turf. Carted out 4 loads of wet peat. not feeling very smart, quitted early. Turned in 9½ o'clock

Saturday.

30th Rainy, drizzly, nasty weather. Wind N.E.
Carted out 3 loads of wet peat and put the

with the pine which were carted yesterday and trod them G.M. Backus drove the horse for me to slick the bed. Did the chores and turned in early.

Sunday.

October 1st " Clear weather. Read John's papers also read some in "The Life of W.J. Farnham", lent me by John. After noon Lydia and I rode with our horse and John's wagon to Charles Starbuck's by invitation. Spent a pleasant afternoon and had a nice supper. Capt Edward C. Joy, wife and daughter Mary were there. Staid until 9 o'clock then came home. Put the horse in the north lot. Turned in.

Monday.

2d " Carted 3 loads of fine turf into the manure 68 loads. pen. Laid out half of the bed of peat that I got out first. Picked half a bushel of grapes in our south swamp. Read some in "Barnum's Life" I spelt the name wrong yesterday. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Tuesday.

3d " After a long while got old "Whitey" and Lydia and I got underway with him and rode to town. Delivered the butter and carried the wagon to the blacksmith (Elisha Parker) to have it mended, also two hatchets for John. Took my meals at Sarah B. Wood's alone. She and Katie were at D.W. Burgess's. After noon, did my errands and put the horse up at G.M. Backus's. Loafed round. 8 ft 7 in

After tea called over to Charlie Paddock's and Charles 839. W. Gardner's. Attended Lodge; after the meeting Paddock and I went with Ben Wyer to his house. Our wives were there, staid till near 10 o'clock. then got the horse and came home where we arrived 45384. shortly after 11 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

4th " Turned out with a roaring headache; had a spell of vomiting in the barn; could not eat any breakfast.

1876.

October 5 As soon as breakfast I went to bed and laid until 1 o'clock. One of Calvin Crocker's sons came here in a wagon and asked me to give him some of the grapes in our south swamp. I did. I went and gathered a half a bushel while he gathered a whole one. Did the chores - read some. Turned in about 11 o'clock. Put those grapes up stairs.

Thursday.

5th " Laid out peat most of the day. Picked half a bushel of grapes. and Lydia made some jelly.

Toward night Lydia rode to town with G.G. Backus. I read and wrote in the evening. Lydia returned soon after 9 o'clock. Turned in shortly after.

4585.

Friday.

6th " Carted out 14 loads of wet peat. Lydia rode to a husking at Mrs Chapell's with G.G. Backus and Martha W. Fish, about noon. I did John's chores.

555. and then did mine; finished at 7 o'clock, eve' and at that time eat supper, Bread and butter, smoked halibut, stewed cranberry, gingerbread and tea. Read some. Lydia returned soon after 10 o'clock. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

Saturday.

7th " Rod and slicked the bed of peat by noon. G.W. Backus drove the horse for me to slick.

Ezra Lewis came here and asked leave to pick some grapes in our south swamp; he, G.W. Backus and I went into the N.W. corner of the swamp I gathered 3 pecks and they gathered a peck each.

Cut the last bed down, and laid out some peat. Put half a bushel of them in the drawers upstairs to see how long they will keep good.

I shall not dig any more peat this season.

Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

8th " Went over to John's and got the newspapers.

Read some. Near 1 o'clock Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came here. Shortly after, Willie Wyer and Horatio Coleman. came here in a wagon from town; they all took tea here and Willie and Horatio went to town about dark; the others staid till near 9 o'clock then went. Turned in soon after.

Monday.

9th Laid out peat most of the day. Picked half a bushel of grapes. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

10th Got ready as soon as we could and Lydia and I rode to town with old "Whitey". Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house. Delivered the butter. Had the horse's shoe fixed. Eat dinner at the house. Put the horse up at T. H. Baker's. Did my errands. Loafed down to the paint shop Went and saw Charlie Paddock; he is helping Thos P. Mitchell build a new shop on Water street. Took my supper at the house alone. Called on Paddock and brother Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. David W. Burges and wife and Richard C. Burges took tea with us last Sunday. W.B.S. Went to Sarah B.'s and waited for Lydia and after she came, I went and brought the horse and Sarah Baker's there. Put our things in the wagon and we all came home; where we arrived about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after getting here.

Wednesday.

11th Laid out peat until I saw a carriage stop at our south swamp; went over there and found them to be Charlie C. Crosby and Charlie C. Allen. gave them some grapes and they went away.

After noon Lydia and I got ready and rode with our horse and John's wagon as far as the W. Thompson farm. Lydia rode from there to a husking at the Burgess brother's farm with Oliver.

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October.

C. Backus. I tethered my horse on the Thompson farm and walked to the husking. The corn was all husked before sundown, and all the huskers went to the residence of R. C. Burgess in town on Union street.

Lydia rode in the party wagon, and I rode with Mr Backus. Had a real nice supper of roast beef &c. After which had dancing, singing and playing until 11 o'clock. Lydia and I rode as far as the Thompson farm with Mr Backus & there got out and harnessed my horse and came home. Lydia had got here and lighted a lamp. Turned in.

Thursday.

12th Finished laying out the peat and carted in two loads. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Friday.

13th Carted in 4 loads of peat. Charlie R. Paddock and Willie Wyer came here before noon and picked some grapes in our swamp and some cranberries in Ben's swamp; They went to town about 3 o'clock. Read a little after doing the chores. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

14th Carted in 6 loads of peat. Jennie Frank Brown came
12 loads. here with a team and picked some grapes in our south swamp. by my permission. It is about the last of the grapes. Lydia pulled the yellow-eye beans on the south and west sides of the corn in the north lot; for which I paid her 25 cts. Read and wrote some in the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

1886.

Sunday.

15th Wind north easterly. Weather cold and frizzly. Went over to John's and read the papers some there. Came home read some, and chored around a little.

1st Snow. About noon it began to snow and continued until 2 o'clock. Wind N.W. Read and wrote some. When I did the chores I put the horse in the barn for the first time since he was hurt. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Monday.

16th — 19 loads — Carted in 7 loads of peat. Turned in about 7½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

17th — Got ready and Lydia and I rode to town with old "Whitey". Put our things into F. B. Wood's house. Delivered the butter 10 lbs. Put the horse up at T. H. B's. Took dinner with Sarah B. Loafed around down street — did my errands. Bought a new pair of trowsers and some fixtures for the store. Took tea at Sarah B's. Went and visited Charlie Paddock's family; they are living at Ben Wyer's house. Ben and Mary Frank are in Boston. Called on Bro Charles P. Gardner.

831. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B's. and from there and brought the horse up there — put our things in and Lydia and I came home.

4537. Put old "Whitey" in our barn. Turned in.

Wednesday.

18th — 24 loads — Carted in 5 loads of peat, and shoed around a little. Read some in "Betsey Babbett". Turned in about 9 o'clk.

Thursday.

19th — 25 loads — Carted in the last load of peat. Cut up and carted to the barn a small jag of corn. Got ready and about noon Lydia and I left here for town with our horse and J. J. Backus's wagon. Put the horse up at T. H. Backus's; walked from there to Sarah B. Wood's. Changed our dothes and went to the Lodge room — went down street. Loafed around til 5½ o'clock then went to the Lodge and partook of a pic nic supper. about 25 brothers and sister's were there. Played checkers with Capt John Beebe in Asa C. Jones's shoemaker's shop. Attended meeting of the D of R. The W G called me to the chair and he bid the Lodge good bye and left. He and his wife intend leaving the island soon. After the meeting went to Sarah B's. and walked from there to T. H. Backus's and came home. Turned in 12½ o'clock.

October.

Friday.

20th Nailed the boards onto the peat house. Pulled the yellow-eyed beans. Read a little. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

21st Mowed in the north meadow all day. Turned in 8 o'clock

Sunday.

22d Went over to John's and read the newspapers. Got ready and about noon Lydia and I rode into Wolfs; stopped at E. C. Morris's; then continued on to Charles Starbuck's. E. C. Joy, wife and daughter came there; also D. W. Burgess and wife. Had a pleasant time and we came home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon.

4588.

Monday.

23d Mowed in the meadow. After noon pulled the tree-beans and carted the yellow eyes to the barn. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

24th Quite a smart rain about daylight. Mowed in the meadow most of the day. After tea Lydia and I rode down to W. G. Fish's and engaged his team for tomorrow. Came home soon after 8 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

25th As soon as we could get ready, Lydia and I rode to W. G. Fish's with our horse and cart and carried our things; put them into Ulmer's wagon and put our horse into their stackyard. Harnessed Ulmer's mare to the wagon and Lydia and I rode to town. Delivered the butter 9 lbs.— did my errands. Put the horse in Sarah B. Wood's yard and took my dinner with Sarah B. Called at the Lodge room; went from there and harnessed the horse, and Lydia and I rode to George Henry Gardner's, near the Hummock pond. Shortly after two party wagons and some other carriages arrived there with about 40 members of Island Lodge No. 24 I. of R. We amused ourselves in various ways.

I walked over to Thomas Gibbs's and had a talk with Thomas's mother: she is quite an old lady and will be 90 years old next month. They live at Wocoy on the shore of the Hummock pond. I went back and enjoyed myself until we were called to partake of a nice supper provided by the sisters (members) of the Lodge that were present. After about half an hour pleasantly and profitably spent at the table, we adjourned; and the men smoked and told yarns, while the women cleared away the tables. After which came dancing, singing and playing until 9½ o'clock. Then the carriages came and we made a general move toward town.

Charlie Paddock's wife rode with us for the purpose of letting sister Priscilla F. Coffin ride in the carriage with Paddock. She is not very well and did not like to ride in the party wagon that she went out in.

After leaving Lydia Paddock at Ben Wyer's we came out to A. G. Fish's — changed horses and carriages and came home where we arrived just at midnight.

+ 4589. Turned in after putting the horse up & taking in the things.

Thursday.

26th. Carted the treebeans and put them into John's house. After noon borrowed John's horserake and raked the second crop hay into bunches. John came over here and staid a couple of hours. Turned in at 9 o'clock.

Friday.

27th. Cut up the popcorn, fifty rods of it. After noon carted the pop corn into the barn; there was two loads of it; also carted a jag of second crop. Husked a little pop corn. E. F. Bakus was here and staid till 8 o'clock, then went home. Turned in soon after he went.

Saturday.

28th. Wind northerly and quite strong. Weather cloudy. Carted in a jag of second crop. Backed the cart onto my dragrake and broke it badly; mended it. Carted in 3 more jags of hay. Before noon Mattie

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October

Mitchell Fish came here and invited Lydia to ride with her mother to Mrs Boden's and Charles Starbuck's. About noon Martha came here with a horse and wagon, and Lydia went with her. Lydia returned about 8 o'clock, having left Martha at our gate.

They visited at Mrs Boden's, C. Starbuck's, Frank Mitchell's on the Albert Easton farm, and Mrs Wick's at the latter place they took tea.

George C. Gardner's sons with workmen are digging another cellar under the house just to the eastward of our pond and putting the sand which they cart out south of the pond in our yard; between that and a small one to the southward of it. they carted enough sand there to make the land three feet higher than it originally was. They have been at work about ten days. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

29th Wind northerly. Weather sunshiny and pleasant.

Went over to John's and read some and brought my newspaper home. Franklin C. Folger moved to town with his family last Thursday and left the farm of Joseph C. Folger unoccupied.

Borrowed John's wagon — harnessed our horse to it and Lydia and I rode to Capt C. B. Coy's at Tisbury. We left home about noon. David W. Burgess and wife were there. Charles Starbuck and his two daughters Etta and Ella ~~came, also~~ and Lydia Gifford also C. C. Morris & wife came there. The Starbuck girls, D. W. Burgess and wife, and I took a walk to the village, Called on Charlie Paddock; the family moved up yesterday. Went on the bank and saw the dories land. Walked back to Capt Coy's about 4 o'clock. Had supper about candlelight. Spent a real pleasant eve and left there near 8 ½ o'clock and arrived home about 9½ o'clock.

4340. Turned in as soon as I had put the horse up.

Monday.

30th Light wind from the northward. Weather clear and pleasant. Began to cut up corn. Drove the cows into the north lot, and kept them there while I cut up corn. After noon, carted and put into the
2 loads. barn the corn that I cut up before noon. 2 loads.
A.G.S. Fish and J.J. Backus called here after dark, and staid sometime. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

November 1st. ~~Tuesday~~. Wednesday.

31st Pleasant weather. Wind from N.W. to S.E.
Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn.
After noon carted the corn and put it in the
4 loads. lot front of the house. A.G.S. Fish called here after dark and staid till 9=20 o'clock. Turned in at 8=20 o'clock.

November. October 31st. Tuesday.

1st Fine weather. Wind westerly. Cloudy toward night.
Got ready and borrowed John's wagon and put our horse to it and Lydia and I rode to town. put our things into Sarah B. Wood's. Carried the butter round on foot. 6 lbs. Took dinner at Sarah B's.
Obtained permission of Charles S. Coffin to put my horse under his shed; put him up. Walked around down street and did my errands. Called at the paint shop. Saw David F. Starbuck; he came from Boston lately. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on
833. bro. Charles P. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the
4550. evening. Came home about 11 o'clock. Turned in soon.

Thursday.

2d Foggy in the morning. The weather cleared by 9 o'clock.
Wind W.N.W. Cut up corn and kept the cows till noon. Hattie Mitchell Fish brought my halter here; Skinner took his home last evening. They got changed
the 19th ultimo. After noon carted the corn and tipped it
6 loads. up in the front lot with the other. Chored around some.
Moved the stove from the outer kitchen to the inner one.

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November. J. J. Backus helped me; He staid here till near 8 o'clock. Ate some grapes; and turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

3d " Wind S.W. Weather rainy. Chored around some. After noon worked at fitting up the drive way in front of the great doors of the barn; by carting stones and sand and filling them into a hole that was there: before doing the foregoing I put some braces against the stone wall (under the platform which makes the upper barn floor) and to the beams under the platform. The wall has sagged inward some, and the braces are to prevent its falling in. John came over here in the evening, and staid till after 8 o'clock. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

4th " Wind northerly. Weather clear and pleasant. Kept the cows in the north lot and cut up corn there. After noon, carted the corn into the front lot. 3 loads. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clk.

9 loads.
4551.

Sunday.

5th " Wind northerly. Weather clear. Cut up corn and kept the cows in the north lot till noon. After noon read some in the newspapers.

Near 3 o'clock Capt E. C. Jeg, wife, daughter Mary and granddaughter, came here. The captain and I talked genealogy most of the time; had tea about 4 o'clock, then did the chores - after which the captain and I had some more talk on the same subject. After eating some grapes, they all went home to Jamestown, about 9½ o'clock. Turned in soon

Monday.

6th " Wind easterly. Weather fair till after-noon then cloudy. While we were at breakfast Elmer B. Fish came and gave us a roaster; saying that he had just returned from Quidnit to where he had ridden this morning; but the boats were not going off to fish ~~and~~ he came back. After breakfast

he helped me cut up corn till dinner time.

After noon carted the corn into the front lot; except a load which we put in the barn. Abner went home about 3 o'clock; his work today pays for my labor on his stack sometime ago. Mended my
4552. horse-collar. Read and wrote some. Turned in about 8 o'clk.

Tuesday.

7th Wind S.E. and rainy. Wrote a little - chored round a little and got myself ready to go to town. Rainy.

Near noon went over to John's - harnessed my horse to his wagon and brought it over here Raining.

Had some dinner and am now waiting for the rain to cease. Left home about 2 o'clock in a slatch; and before we were half way to town it rained enormously; and after we got into the town it fell vehemently. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house. Put the horse under Charles S. Coffin's shed.

Went into Sarah B's. and sat there the remainder of the afternoon drying my clothes. Raining heavily.

833. Attended Lodge in the evening. Received a gift of 25 copies of the Bylaws of the Lodge from the Lodge.

Went to Sarah B's and read and talked until near 11 o'clock. When Lydia and I turned in up stairs together. Rainy.

Wednsday.

8th Wind N.E. Weather drizzly and foggy.

Took breakfast at Sarah B's; after which I carried the butter to the customers. 5 lbs. Did my errands, and near noon started for home; where we arrived at 1 o'clock.

After eating dinner chored around till night.

J. J. Backus was milking our cows when we got home.

4553. Read some in the evening. Eat some grapes and turned in 8 o'clk.

Thursday.

9th Wind N.E. Weather cloudy. Chored around and husked corn in the barn. About 11 o'clock Mrs Charles Weick drove in here having her baby with her.

Had dinner about 1 o'clock. Set the waif for

1876.

November. Abner S. Fish's people to come here. Martha W. and Freddie came here, and helped me husk corn. We husked all that there was in the barn: except a little of the pop-corn. Had supper and pretty soon after, they all went home. I had the hiccups most of the day.

Turned in about 8 o'clock - had one of my spells, and turned out; turned in again about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

10th Wind N.E. and rainy weather. Chored around and pitched the stalks and second crop hay off the barnfloor onto the mow. Carted into the barn 3 jags of corn from the front lot. After noon husked a little corn. Very heavy squalls of rain. Did the chores.

G.F. Baker's spent the evening here. I have had the hiccups a considerable through the day: got 'em now: 8½ o'clock eve. Notice the little curls in this writing

Turned in soon after writing the above.

Saturday.

11th Wind northerly. Weather bright in the morning; but clouded up before noon. After noon, rainy.

Carted 5 loads of old mortar and sand from near the S.E. part of the pond in the yard, and put it in the hog's pen. It was brought out of an old cellar under George C. Gardner's house, situated
70 loads. east of the yard pond. Carted 2 loads of turf and put in the hog's pen.

After noon husked corn in the barn: Lydia helped me. Read some in the evening. Turned in 10 o'clock. Raining.

Sunday.

12th Wind N.W.: weather rainy. Went over to John's and read some and got my paper and a letter from Phebe Coffin: she is in Brockton, Mass. Came back. Raining.

Read most of the day. After noon Lydia walked down to Abner S. Fish's and returned about dark. G.F. Baker's spent the evening here and went
45 54. home about 9 o'clock. I turned in soon after.

Monday.

13th. Wind northerly. and weather clear. Spread all the corn in the front lot. Husked some corn in the barn. Charles Starbuck came here and brought some clothes to be washed and took those that were washed last week. & whet his razor while he was here.

After noon turned the corn in the lot and husked some in the barn. Read some in the evening. John was over and staid sometime. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

14th. Wind easterly: weather clear in the morning; but clouded up and we had a little rain after night-fall.

Borrowed John's wagon; and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house and the horse under C. G. Coffin's shed. Went down street. Took dinner with Sarah B. Delivered the butter; 8½ lbs. Did my errands. Played checkers some. Took tea with Sarah B. Called on brother Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s. Read some. Turned in about 10.

Wednesday.

15th. Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Turned out about 6 o'clock, and came home. Did the chores and had some breakfast. Rainy. Husked all the corn that was in the barn. Turned the corn in the front lot. Carted in a little corn which was very wet. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

16th. Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Turned the corn in the front lot, twice. Husked a little corn. Borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town; stopped at Sarah B. Wood's. Heard that brother Charles W. Tracy died very suddenly this morning at 1½ o'clock. Put the horse up. Went down street. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Read some. Attended R. D. meeting. Came home about 11½ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

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Friday.

Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Put the unhusked in the barn up on one side; and turned that in the lot. Carted in all the corn. Jimmie McCarney called here before noon. My bull plagues me a good deal by jumping into G.C. Gardner's lot.

Abner G. Fish and J.J. Backus called here after tea and staid sometime. Burned in at 8½ o'clock.

18th

Saturday.

Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Leveled some of the manure under the barn and covered it with turf.

About 2½ o'clock Mary Frank Wyer, Julia L. Lewis, Katie Burgess and Eliza W. Burgess stopped here; and Mary Frank told that the Members of the D.O.F. were directed to meet at their lodge room at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning for the purpose of attending the funeral of late brother Charles H. Tracy. The women said they were going to C. Starbuck's.

After tea Lydia rode to town with J.J. Backus.

About dark Abner G. Fish brought me a note from brother Henry Paddack; in answer to one that I sent to him yesterday, asking when the funeral of brother Tracy would take place. His note informed me, it will be tomorrow at 10 o'clock; morning. Abner staid a short time then started for home, and I read until 5 minutes of 9 o'clock, then wrote this: from "read". Turned in.

19th

Sunday.

Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. After doing the chores; borrowed John's wagon. Sarah gave me a cup of tea and harnessed our horse to it and rode to town. Put the horse up and went into Sarah B. Wood's; Lydia had gone to the lodgeroom: I walked there. Near 10 o'clock the members of the fraternities of Odd Fellows and Masons and nineteen Daughters of Rebekahs formed a procession and walked to late residence of our late brother Charles H. Tracy, and waited a few minutes outside, until the hearse and carriages moved

50 persons walked

toward the Friends burying ground. We then walked, preceding the carriages to the ground; where, in silence we saw the remains of our brother deposited in their last resting place. We left the ground by the north gate and walked down Main street to the lodge room; and there disbanded and went our several ways. We attended the funeral as citizens only; without any badges, regalia, or outward signs of mourning.

Went to Sarah B's and had a lunch; after which I harnessed the horse and we came home; where we arrived about 1 o'clock. Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to C. Starbuck's. Charles and I talked a considerable; he is very nervous, and unwell; I whet his razor. Had a nice supper and spent a pleasant evening and arrived home about 10 o'clock. Turned in.

Monday.

20th. 21st 20th.

Wind easterly. Weather rainy. Husked some corn in the barn. Fodered the cattle twice today, besides letting them out some hours. ~~I have made a mistake by predating every day of this month. See the dates on the margin of the book.~~

4556. Read and wrote in the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'd

Tuesday.

21st 22d.

Wind easterly blowing a hedvy gale; and raining all day. Husked some corn in the barn. Kept the cows in the barn all day; except letting them out to water at noon. J. J. Hackes came over and staid 2 or 3.

4557. hours in the evening. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Wednesday.

22d.

Wind easterly. Weather wet, drizzly and sunshiny. Harnessed our horse to John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town; where we arrived at 11½ o'clock; put our things into Sarah B. Wood's — put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B's. Delivered the butter 7½ lbs at 40 cts pr lb. Did my errands. Went down to the steamboat when she came in; hoping to find Jim there: but he did not come. Went to Sarah B's harnessed the horse and came home, arrived here about 6 o'clock, eve'. Rainy. Read and wrote some. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

William B. Starbuck.

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Thursday.

4558.
23d. Wind from the N.W. to the south. Weather cloudy most of the day. Husked corn and chored around some. Rainy at 6 o'clock, eve. J. J. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

4559.
24th. Wind northerly and very heavy. Weather very rainy. About 9 o'clock Etta and Ella Starbuck drove in here in a very heavy squall of rain; they left their horse to go to town. Took their horse out and put her in the barn. Husked some corn. After dinner the weather cleared, and the girls went to town. Husked more corn. While I was milking Mattie Mitchell Fish came to the barn and asked me to go down to their house this evening. Having done the chores, and got ready: Lydia and Mattie went across the lots and I went down the road for the purpose of meeting the Starbuck girls if they should be coming up. Abner Hillery overtook me and we walked together some distance.

Met the girls and they said they had given the letters to Lydia. I afterwards learned that one letter was from Elizabeth and the other from Ellis Jones. the latter of which informed us of the probability of Tim's coming home next Tuesday.

Mrs Charles Burgess and her daughter Mrs. Thomas Gibbs were at Abners; The latter lady does not enjoy good health. Spent a pleasant evening and Lydia and walked home by 9½ o clock. Turned in soon after.

Saturday.

25th. Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Finished husking the corn. Chored around a little. Abner E. Fish called here after tea and staid sometime. Read and wrote some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

4560.
26th. Wind northerly. Weather, cool and pleasant. Went over to John's and got the newspapers.

Came home and read most of the day. George C. Gardners people dug turneps all day. John was over here in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

27th. Wind northerly. Weather cool and pleasant. Chored around some. Carted a load of turf and put
7 loads. it in the hog's pen. Went over to John's and greased the wagon axles, and brought it up here.
Mended the fence a little.
Upper room Lydia and D got ready and rode over to Consett; took Mary Joy up at their house and we went to C. P. Paddock's. Charles Starbuck and his two daughters were there. Cruised around the village some. had a nice time and a supper of fried fish.
Paddock fiddled and the girls sung in the evening.
4561. We left there about 9½ o'clock and came home. Turned in.

Tuesday.

28th Wind west, northerly. Weather clear and cool.
Made preparations and Lydia and D rode to town with our horse and John's wagon and harness. Put up at Sarah B. Wood's: she is sick. Put the horse under Charles E. Coffin's shed. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Delivered the butter, 4½ lbs. At 3 o'clock went to Union Lodge of Masons and from there the brothers marched to the steamboat landing and when she arrived, took possession of the remains of our late brother John Way Coleman; thence to the new north burying ground where they were intered with all due solemnity according to the rites of our order. The service was performed in accordance with the new ritual. No carriages – there was only two persons outside of the order that attended as mourners. They were a son of the deceased and Alexander Drew Coffin. Returned to the hall and the Lodge was closed about 5 o'clock, eve'. D walked from there to Charles E. Pows by invitation and took tea. The family, Obed Bunker, Lydia and D were present.

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November. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went back to
835. Charles C.'s with him and staid until near 10 o'clock.
We walked from there to Sarah B.'s, and got ready
and came home; where we arrived about 11½ o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

29th. Wind northerly. Weather clear, cold and pleasant.
Carted a couple of loads of seaweed from the beach
and spread them to dry near the barn.
After noon, Threshed the yellow-eyed beans. ½ bushel.
Charles Starbuck drove in here on his way from town,
and Lydia invited him to bring the girls down here
tomorrow. Read some in the evening. Turned in before
4562. 9 o'clock. Had one of my spells. Turned out. Turned in again.

Thursday.

30th. Wind northerly. Weather cloudy and cold. Our pond
froze over last night; the first time this season.
Thanksgiving day. Chored around some, getting
ready for company. Threshed the few mottled cranberry
beans that I raised, and picked them over.
After noon, Charles, Etta and Ella Starbuck come
here by invitation and spent the time until supper-time.
Had chickenpie. Spent a pleasant evening until
near 9 o'clock at which time the company left for home.
Turned in soon they went.

December.

Friday.

1st. Wind northerly. Weather cloudy with snow: after
noon clear and cold. Mended my skin coat.
Abner C. Fish brought and gave us a nice piece of
fresh pork. Carted a load of seaweed from where I
deposited it last Wednesday; and put it around the
west cellar. Read and wrote some in the evening.
F. F. Backus spent the eve. here until 9 o clock. Turned in soon after
4563.

Saturday.

2d. Wind northerly. Weather cold. After doing the
chores. Walked down to A. C. Fish's and helped
him load some hay. Worked at mending my

catskin coat, after I came home. Near dark Lydia rode to town with G.F. Backus. Worked on my coat and read in the evening until Lydia came home at 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after Lydia got home.

Sunday.

3d " Wind northerly. Weather clear and mild. Went over to John's and read his paper and brought mine home.

Soon after noon, Lydia and I rode to C.C. Morris' and stopped a few minutes in the yard: then continued on to Charles Starbuck's. Walked some with Charles. Had a nice roast pork supper. What Charles' razor.

Etta and Ella went visiting in Volpis. When George B. came home about 9½ o'clock, he helped me harness and Lydia and I came home. Met the girls. Arrived home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in.

Monday.

4th " Wind northerly. Weather mild and pleasant.

Worked at mending my skin mittens; cut a pair out of an old buffalo robe that I gave G.A. Backus 25 cts for sometime ago; made one of them.

Abner G. Fish brought us some eels; he staid sometime G.F. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

5th " Wind northerly and light. Weather pleasant.

Lydia and I have been married 26 years today.

Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon with our horse. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house and the horse under Charles G. Coffin's shed. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Delivered the butter. 3½ lbs. Did my errands. Sold the eggs. 3 dozen at 34 cts per doz. Took tea at Sarah B.'s.

Called on Dr Ellis at his office; also on brother Charles F. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening.

Called for Lydia at Wm H. Coffin's. Left there at 4½ o'clock and went to Sarah B.'s - got ready and came home; where we arrived at 11 o'clock. Turned in immediately.

Bright moonlight.

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Wednesday.

6th " Wind Westerly. Weather clear and pleasant.

Carted from the shore and put around the house 2 loads of seaweed. Toward noon Mrs Abner S. Fish drove in here and invited Lydia to ride over to Mr Boden's at Woodbury; she got ready and they went.

Finished making the second buffalo-skin mitten.

Went over and helped John load 3 loads of turnips; got done about sundown. Lyd

The Starbuck girls called here on an errand to Lydia, just as I came back from John's. Lydia came home about 6 o'clock; having walked from our gate. Skimmed some cds.

J. J. Backus spent the evening here and went home 4565. about 9 o'clock. We turned in soon after.

Thursday.

7th " Wind N.W. Weather clear, and cloudy; by spells.

Carted and put into the barn the two loads of seaweed that I carted from shore, a week ago yesterday.

Began to mend the end of the barn near the south lower door. Leveled some of the manure under the barn; and covered it with turf.

About 5 o'clock Abner S. Fish came here, and soon after J. J. Backus came, and in a little while Martha W. Fish and her two children. I wrote and played cards with Abner. Soon after 9 o'clock we sat down to a nice mess of eelchowder. John went home before the table was set. Had a pleasant time and the company went home before 10 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

4566.

Friday.

8th " Wind N.W, and weather pleasant. Carted and mixed 74 loads. with manure under the barn; 3 loads of turf.

After noon, mixed some turf and dung under the barn. Gave Charlie an injection of soapsuds; for worms.

J. J. Backus came here after tea and staid till 8 o'clock. Read a little and then turned in.

Saturday.

9th " The ground was covered with snow at daylight, with the wind S.E. It began to rain soon after; the wind hauled to the S.W. about 9 o'clock and it thundered heavily from the N.W.

Walked down to Mr. E. Fish's and borrowed a piece of pork and some lard. Very slippery walking; Came back. Let the cows out to water. Went over to John's and staid a short time. Put our cattle in the barn. Staid in the house most of the day, reading writing, and shoring pound. We have had a very heavy gale all day, accompanied by squalls of snow; and now, 5½ o'clock; the wind fairly howls. Read most of the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'clock. Very cold.

Sunday.

4567.

10th " Wind N.W. and blowing fiercely. Sun shining nicely. Our pump loses the water; fetched it and brought to the house 7 buckets of water; while doing it the water flew on me and the front of my coat was covered with ice. Did the chores. Brought in 4 boxes of peat; each box contains a bushel. Went over to John's, and borrowed a half bushel of coal. Churned. Let the cattle out to water; after I had cut the ice on the pond.

Went over to John's and brought the "New York Ledger" home read some in it. Put the cattle up after they had been out about an hour; foddered them. Had a fire in the parlor with some coal that I borrowed of John. Walked early. John came over here before 6 o'clock, eve', and staid until 8½ o'clock. Read a little; then turned in.

Monday.

11th " Wind N.E. Snowing. Did the chores in the barn. Brought some water and some peat. Went over to John's and carried a letter to be mailed by him in town; and asked him to buy for me in town a bag of flour.

It quitted snowing about noon. Had dinner about 2 o'cl. John brought the flour and spent the evening here. Turned in before 9.

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Tuesday.

12th. Wind south. Weather, misty and rainy. Snow most gone. Borrowed John's wagon, and harnessed our horse to it and Lydia rode as far as Abner G. Fish's with me; I continued on to town; Arrived there about 12¼ o'clock. Put my things into Sarah B. Wood's house; she was in to David W. Burgess' staying. Delivered the butter 3 lbs, at 40 cts. Sold the eggs at 36 cts pr doz. Did my errands. Came up to Mrs Fish's a little before 6 o'clock. Lydia got into the wagon, and we came home together. Put the horse up. Lydia made a fire and cooked supper for me. Read and wrote some in the evening.

4568. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

4569. Wednesday.

13th. Wind west southerly. Weather clear and pleasant. Chored around some. Went over to John's on an errand; stopped and helped place a privy there. Came home and let the cattle out.

After noon Lydia and I got ready and rode in our heavy cart to Edward C. Morris's. When the guests had all arrived there was present; John Morris, Charles Chadwick, E. C. Foy, Joseph Steingardt, William B. Starbuck and their wives; Mary Foy, Lucy H. Morris and little Lucy. Charles Starbuck and Etta and Ella. I played checkers with Mr Steingardt until supper was ready; then we sat down to a real superb meal of roast pork and all the trimmings. After the table was cleared Joseph and I played checkers until 10 o'clock; about which time the company dispersed. We arrived home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after putting the horse up.

Thursday.

14th. Wind S.W.: weather pleasant. Went over to John's and received a letter from Elizabeth for Lydia; a postal card from Ellis Jones, My newspaper and 2 lbs of nails. Came home and mended the fences and worked at mending the barn. Abner G. Fish called here,

Mr and Mrs Boden called here; she is in poor health, and told us while here that she had not been into anybody's house since she was here the time when T. Coffin's baby was born. They staid about half an hour and then went away. Chored around some. Read some in the evening. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Friday.

15th Wind N.W. Weather pleasant. Went over to John's and helped him get underway for town with part of a load, and towing a cow. Rove some tackles and got ready to kill our hog and cow tomorrow.

F. F. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

16th Wind S.W. and strong. Weather clear. Abner came up. Killed and dressed our hog by noon. Abner went home after dinner. Cleared up the barn floor where we killed the hog. Chored around some.



6 o'clock eve, the wind has veered to the N.W. and has blown a heavy gale all day. Read and wrote some in the evening. Turned in about 8 o'clock. Very cold.

Sunday.

17th Wind N.W. strong. Weather clear. After breakfast went over to John's and borrowed his Nantucket "paper". Came home and read it. Weighed the hog. 240 lbs, She was 254 days old. Read and wrote some through the day. F. F. Backus spent the evening here. We have a fire in the parlor. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

18th Wind S.E. and snowing. Walked down to A. G. Fish's to tell him that I should not kill our cow today. He had left home to come here. I staid a short time and then came back. Met Abner coming from our house; had a little talk with him, and came home.

Rainy. Went over to John's with a letter; asked Mrs John C. Gardner to mail it for me in town. Chored round.

4570. Read some. Raining heavily from P. Turned in about 9 o'clock Had one of my spells and turned out. Turned in again.

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Tuesday.

19th Wind northerly; ground covered with ice. Weather clear and cold. Undertook to cut the hog up; cut one half up, and left the other: because it was frozen too hard. Went over to John's when he came from town, to see if he had any mail matter for us; he had none. Had some talk with the Gardner brothers; they are fixing and painting the windows of the house. Read some - wrote some and chored around. Very cold. G.J. Backus spent the evening here, and went home just before 9 o'clock
Turned in a little after 9 o'clock.

Wednesday.

20th Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Thermometer 9. above
Elmer G. Fish came here by appointment; and he and I killed and dressed our white cow: finished by 12½ o'clock then Elmer went home; his little boy "Freddie" stopped and took dinner with us: then went home.
I cleaned out the barn floor, and partly cleaned the two meat barrels. Read some and wrote a little.
G.J. Backus was over in the evening. Turned in about 9.

Thursday.

21st Wind N.E. Weather mild. It began to snow before noon.
Borrowed John's wagon and Lydia rode as far as the Burgess brothers farm; where she got into Mrs. E.G. Fish's wagon and rode to town with her. I left the cow's hide at the farm; and continued on to town. Put the things into Sarah B. Wood's house and drove down to the blacksmith's and had the horse frosted. Did my errands. Sold the butter; 3 lbs at 40 cts pr lb; also the eggs 3 doz; at 30 cts pr doz. Recd pay for hide $2.81. 51 lbs.
Called over to Charlie R. Paddock's he has been sick since last Sunday. Played checkers some in Jones's shop.
Bought half a bushel of Liverpool salt. 33 cts.
Took the horse from the blacksmith's and drove him to C.G. Coffin's yard and put him under his shed.
At 5 o'clock went to the Lodge room and took tea

there. When the members of the D of R. Lodge were called to order the V.G. asked me to take the principal chair, which I did. The committee of entertainment gave us a nice programme. The Officers were elected for the coming term. and the Lodge closed about 10 o'clock Snowing slightly. I went to where the horse was and took the harness off of him; and went over to Ben F. Wyer's 2d. where Lydia and I turned in about 12 o'clock.

Friday.

22d. Wind easterly. Weather mild with a strong look of snow. Went and had a look at the horse. Stopped into Paddock's on the way. Went back to Ben's and took breakfast. Walked down street and staid till near 11 o'clock; went and harnessed the horse — put the things in the wagon at Sarah B.'s — drove over to Ben's: it being near dinner time put the team in their yard and took some eelchowder with them. Lydia and I came home where we arrived about 3 o'clock. Chored around till night. Met Michael King on the road going to town. G.F. Backus spent the evening here. I read and wrote some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday

23d. Wind northerly. Weather cold. Went over to John's and threshed my tree-beans; which took me most of the day; Did the chores which took the remainder.
Read some in the evening. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

4571.

Sunday.

24th. Wind northerly. Weather cold: but pleasant.
Carted my beans and pods and deposited them in the barn. Chored around a good part of the day.
Read and wrote in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock

Monday.

25th. Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Chored around some. George B. Starbuck and Charlie Folger and brought Capt Starbuck's razor for me to whet. Charlie and I played a few games of checkers. While we were playing

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December. Capt Charles C. Moores brought me a notice of a masonic meeting to be held on St Johns day; he staid a short time and then went eastward. George B. and Charlie staid near an hour. They all had sleighs.

What the razor. Let the cattle out to water; put them up and foddered them. Got ready and Lydia and I rode in Johns wagon to Mrs Weicks (pronounced Wike) and in due time we sat down to a nice meal of roast turkey and pork and all the good things that generally go with them. Those present were, Charle C. Chadwick and wife. John B. Enas, wife and her child Mrs Abner G. Fish and two children. Wm B. Starbuck and wife, The family consisting of four. Well; we did ample justice to the viands: whether we did to our stomachs, is a question that will admit of some argument which cannot be so easily determined; just now.

Near 6 o'clock I walked to the "Shanty" and left the razor with George B. Played checkers with Charlie Folger until near 8 o'clock, then walked back with J. B. Enas.

Had a pleasant time until 9 o'clock. Then came home. Put the horse up and turned in.

Tuesday.

26th Wind easterly. Snowing. The ground is covered with the old snow. Good sleighing. Undertook cutting the remainder of the pork up; quitted. because it is frozen too hard. Went over to John's and staid a few minutes. About 3½ o'clock John B. Gardner came here (by request) with a horse and covered carriage; and Lydia rode to town with him. J. J. Backus spent the evening here till 9 o'clock; then went home. Read some and turned in about 10 o'clock. alone.

Wednesday.

27th Wind northerly. Weather clear most of the day.

Finished cutting the pork up. and salted all that I intend to. J. J. Backus came over with his wheelbarrow and recieved a fore quarter of beef that I had sold him

at the rate of 5½ cts per lb; its weight was 6 8 lbs. He carried it home. I cut up the remainder and brought the most of it into the house. Near 5 o'clock eve. I left John's house with him and Jimie Harney; with John's team. and rode to town; where we arrived a little after 6 o'clock, eve. John carried my hams to Peter Cushman's to be smoked.

I got out of the wagon at Conner and walked to Union Lodge Hall. My wife not being there; I went to Sarah B. Wood's, and there found her. She went with me to the hall, where in due time we witnessed in company 185 others: brothers and their ladies, the installation of the officers of Union Lodge of F. & A.M. for the ensuing year.

After the ceremony which was performed by W. Henry Paddack as installing officer; we were ushered into the dining room and there partook of the feast of St John the Evangelist; consisting of chicken chowder and all the good things that usually accompany such a meal:

After we had feasted and fared well, we returned to the hall and when order was restored; brothers. Hallett, Winslow and H. Paddack each made some remarks pertinent to the occasion: interspersed with singing by the choir. When we were dismissed which was about 10 o'clock: eve, Mr and Mrs Weick, Lydia and I walked to Sarah B. Wood's; where Lydia changed her dress.

We all walked from there down to George H. Backus's, and there harnessed the horse that I went to town with and came home. John J Backus had walked home accompanied by Jimie Harney. Mr and Mrs Weick walked home from our gate to their home; they would not come here and stay till morning; nor allow me to carry them home. Drove in under John's barn unharnessed the horse and put him up. Walked home where we arrived at 1¼ o'clock 'morn. Looked with the spyglass and saw Mr and Mrs Weick just as they walked up the hill on which Charles C. Chadwick's house is situated. Clear Moonlight. Turned in; was quite cold; didn't sleep good.

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Thursday.

28th. Wind northerly. Weather clear; and- cloudy.
Feeling rather dumpish did not do much work; kind of laid around - did the chores - read some - and- wrote a little. About 7½ o'clock. Turned in.

Friday.

29th. Wind easterly. Weather snowy. Salted the beef. Went over to Johns and procured a couple of staples; came back and used them to fit a clasp onto the door of the unfinished place: so that we can lock it up when we go away.
Chored around a little. Read and wrote some in the evening. Raining and blowing very heavy from the eastward. 9½ The wind hauled to the westward about 10 o'clock and continued to blow and the rain came right down.
Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

30th. Wind west, and some rain. Wrote a letter to Ellis Jones. John called here before noon. Chored round a little. Cold. Soon after noon Lydia and I got ready and rode to C.C. Morris's and took tea there; then I walked to the "Chanty" and played checkers with Charlie Folger until 7 o'clock at which time we repaired to the schoolhouse; where, in due time "Santa Claus" appeared and dispensed the good things in his sack for the benefit of the little folks who had not forgotten to hang their stockings on the side of the old fashion fireplace.
When the Christmas tree was exhibited and the presents were passed around according to the direction on each.
A great deal of singing was done; also some good music was rendered by Miss Delia H. Folger who presided at the organ. Each person present (of whom there was about 70) recieved a plate lavishly filled with good things such as cake, tarts, fruit, candy, nuts, &c; which were either eaten there, or, reserved for that process at home.
Quite a number of people came from town; and we all had a real enjoyable time. The entertainment closed soon after 9 o'clock and Lydia and I rode home. Made a fire warmed ourselves and turned in.

Sunday.

31st 10m Wind N.W. Weather very cold. Did the chores. Went over to John's and borrowed his paper: came home and read it. Wrote a little. Some after noon Lydia walked down to Abner G. Fish's; about 4 o'clock eve I walked there. Cold. Took some tea with Abner and Hattie. Martha W. and Freddie were away to her sister's Mary W. Gibbs's; they returned soon after dark. We staid there till near 8 o'clock then came home. — made a fire — foddered the cattle — warmed myself and turned in near 10 o'clock. Put some fire down cellar after I got home

4573.

January 1st. 1877. ## Monday.

Wind west, northerly and light. Weather ~~mod~~ moderate. I wish you all a happy new year.

Chored around most of the day and wrote some.

Went over to John's to beg a passage for Lydia to go to town this afternoon; couldnt get one. Came back dis-appointed. Read through the evening. About 8½ o'clock F.F. Backus called here on his way from town; he left my newspaper; he staid near half an hour then went home.

Wind S.E. and ice softening: the ground has been very icy since Saturday last. Turned in soon after 10 o'clock.

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Tuesday.

2d Through the night it began to snow from the southward, because the south ends of the buildings are covered with snow. The wind now 10 o'clock, morn: is N.E, and blowing heavily and snowing. Worked most of the day repairing a pair of cat skin mittens that I made the first part of December 1873. Finished repairing them in the evening.

F.F. Backus came here about dark and staid 2 or 3 hours.

Turned in after I had read some in John's newspaper.

Wednesday.

3d Wind N.W. strong and cold. Weather clear and sunshiny.

Went over to John's and borrowed some raisins. Cold.

After noon while I was cutting some holes in the ice on the pond, Charlie Folger came there; and after I had let the cattle out, he and I came into the house and

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January. and played checkers until 4 o'clock, then he went home.
Did the chores. Near 6 o'clock eve' G.F. Backus came here,
and staid till 8½ o'clock. I read intill after 9, then turned in.

Thursday.

4574. 4th 4° Wind N.W. and very strong. Weather very clear and cold.
Doing the chores and mending my catskin drawers.
I have not seen any person today; except my wife.
Read and wrote in the evening. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Friday

4575. 5th 5° Wind N.W. and light. Weather pleasant.
Worked at fixing my skin mittens and drawers.
After dinner which we had at 2½ o'clock; (we don't
have but two meals now a days) Lydia and walked
down to Abner S. Fish's and staid till 8 o'clock eve'.
G.F. Backus was there and we all came home together
by the light of a lantern that was lent us there.
Made a fire and warmed ourselves. Lydia stirred
up some buckwheat that she borrowed there.
Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Saturday.

6th 6° Wind S.E. and very light Weather pleasant.
Washed out and hung up to dry ten catskins.
G.F. Backus stopped here on his way to town afoot.
Chored around some. Went over to John's a little
while. Last night took the catskins down; not dry.
John was over in the evening and staid until 8½ o'clock.
Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

4576. 7th 7° Wind S.W. and rainy weather. Knocked over a cat with
a flail. Went over to John's and borrowed his newspaper.
read it. Came home. Skinned the cat. Did the chores
through the day. G.G. Backus was over in the evening.
Turned in about 9 o'clock. Bright starlight

Monday.

8th 8° Wind southerly. Weather pleasant. ~~Washed out ten~~
~~catskins~~. Chored around some and helped Lydia

some toward washing. Charles Hathorn came here and brought some clothes and staid about half an hour. Borrowed John's wagon and about 11 o'clock Lydia and I rode to town with our horse. We went thro' G. C. Gardner's western farm lot; from the lane, near the swamp and out at a pair of bars opposite J. W. Folger's farm gate, then along the lane to the bars in the eastern part of the Burgess farm and through that by the house, and out onto the commons at the west near the Coffin Macy lot, and from there onto the road and kept that to town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's, and the horse under G. G. Coffin's shed.

Attended regular convocation of Isle of the Sea Royal Arch Chapter of Masons. Went to Sarah B's and about 10½ o'clock turned in.

Tuesday.

9th Wind northerly. Weather pleasant; but cold.

Took breakfast at Sarah B.'s: then led the horse down to the blacksmith's and had his hind feet sharp shod. Called into the paint shop of D. B. Paddock & Co. Did some errands. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Carried the butter 2½ lbs at 40 cts. Sold my eggs at 33 cts pr doz & doz. Did the remainder of my errands. After tea went over to Charlie R. Paddock's and staid about an hour. 397. Called on bro C. W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s, and turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Wednesday.

4577. 10th Wind S.E. Weather clear. As soon as breakfast Harnessed the horse — put our things in at Sarah B.'s, and Lydia and I came home where we arrived at 11½ o'clock. Milked and did the chores; Went over to John's and paid him some raisins. Read a little and wrote some. About dark Mr. G. Fish and his daughter Hattie came here; I played euchre with him, Hattie popped some corn. J. J. Backus came here. Elmer and Hattie went home before 8 o'clock, John left near 9. I turned in soon after.

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Thursday.

11th Wind N.W. and light. Weather pleasant. Went over to John's on an errand. Put those catskins out to dry before I went. What a cat. Took the skins in toward night.

About 4½ o'clock Lydia rode to town with J. J. Backus, to attend a gathering of the daughters of Rebekah for benevolent purposes. I walked to the "Shanty", and left my lantern there and went to C. C. Morris's and staid a short time, then Edward and I walked back to the "Shanty" where I played checkers with Charlie Folger till Joe Steingardt came in; then gave my place to Joe. Afterwards I played three games with Joe. It being 9 o'clock, we quitted and I came home, with my lantern lighted, where I arrived about half an hour after. Raining

Made a fire and read some. Turned in about 10½ o'clock.

Friday.

12th Wind northerly. Weather clear and pleasant. Thermometer 28°

Did the chores. Fried some buckwheat cakes and eat them for breakfast. Read some. Went over to John's and borrowed some newspapers; came home and had just settled myself for a good read when Charlie Folger came in, and we played checkers until he went about 4 o'clock.

Just as I had done my chores Hattie Wm. Fish came here and said her mother wanted I should come to their house. I changed my clothes and took my lantern and walked down there with her. My wife was there having ridden from town with Holmes. Took tea and spent the evening. Played euchre with Holmes. J. J. Backus was there and came home when we did, about 9 o'clock. Read some. Turned in about 10½ o'clock.

Saturday.

13th It has rained through the night. Now 11 o'clock the wind is N.W. and strong. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 26°.

Read some. Chored around some. Went over to John's and procured some newspapers. Read and wrote some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

14th. 4579. Sunday.

Wind N.W. quite strong. Weather pleasant. Thermometer 26°.
Went over to John's, borrowed his newspaper and recieved mine. Came home and did some reading. Abner E. Fish called here before I went over to John's; and I sold him a round of beef at 5½ cts per lb; he to weigh it. 34½ lbs.
Toward night Abner called here and paid me $1-90 cts for the beef; he staid about an hour, then left for his home.
Read some through the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

15th. Wind from the south, and cloudy weather. Thermometer, 26.
Mrs Thomas Wing and Charles Wheldon called here and mended an oldspear in the Shop; then went to Polpis harbor.
Charles Starbuck came here before 10 o'clock, morn, and brought some clothes to be washed. It began to snow while he was here; he left soon after 10. J. J. Backus called here.
When Mrs Wing and Wheldon came back from oeling they stopped in here and Lydia gave them some gingerbread and milk, and they lit their pipes and continued on to town. Raining. J. J. Backus was over here in the evening and staid till near 8½ o'clock, then went home.
Raining. Read some. Turned in just before 10 o'clock.

4580. Tuesday.

16th. It has rained most of the night. Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 34°. Read some, wrote a little. Went over to John's and staid a little while. Then came home. Chored around. Our gate is open and the cows go out frequently and feed on the hills south of the farm about an hour and then return; they have been out to day. This morning, I thought to go to town and made some preparations to that effect; but the weather looked so lowery, that I did not like to risk going, and so gave it up; But since then the weather has been better, and we could have gone very comfortably.
Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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17th " Wind northerly and light. Weather cloudy. Ther. 26°.
Read some. Went over to John's and staid a short time. Came home. A.B. Fish was here having come from John's; he staid near an hour then went home.
After tea I took my lantern and went to Polpis and invited some people to come here next Monday.
Went to the "Shanty" and played checkers with Charlie Folger and Joseph Steingardt. Lit my lantern at 9 o'clock and walked home. When I arrived here J.J. Backus was here; having walked from town; he staid a short time and went home. We turned in soon after.

Thursday.

18th " Wind west, southerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 28°.
Made preparations and Lydia and I went to town. Put our things into Sarah B.'s house; she was away. Put the horse under the shed. Went down street; saw Charlie Paddock in the paint shop; he had had one of his spells there and Ben Wyer was waiting with a team to to carry him home when he had recovered a little. He was taken home by noon. After doing my errands, at 3 o'clock I went over to Paddock's and staid until 5 o'clock; then went to the house and eat something. Went over to Paddock's at 6 o'clock and staid until it was time to go to Lodge.
Attended meeting of the D of R. The officers were installed by Wm. H. Waitt. I acted as S. W.
After the ceremony the Committee of Entertainment invited us into the refectory and we all sat down to a nice collation; after which we adjourned to the lodgeroom, and before the closing of the Lodge a very warm discussion was had on a motion of brother J.F. Murphey. After the closing, some of the brothers, in the anteroom became quite excited over the question. Lydia and I went to Sarah B.'s and turned in (no fire)

Friday.

19th " Wind southerly. Weather moderate Thermometer 34°.
Turned out; split some wood for Sarah B.

Went down to Paddock & Co.s paint shop; several of the brothers came in and we discussed the question of the previous evening. Went back to Sarah B.'s — eat breakfast. Got ready, and Lydia and I came home - did the chores.

Did not do much through the day but read and write.

J.J. Backus was over in the evening and staid until near 9 o'clock, then went home. Turned in soon after.

Had one of my spells — turned out - turned in again.

Saturday.

20.th Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Therm 34.° I've got a headache.

I have only done what was really necessary through the day. because my head has felt so bad. About 5 o'clock, eve', I piped some rum with hot water and sugar and drank it and turned in; slept very well and woke without the headache.

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Sunday.

21.st Wind northerly. Weather moderate and cloudy. Ther' 30.°

Went over to John's and recieved my newspaper. Came back.

Abner S. Fish called here and informed us that Mary W. Gibbs wife of Thomas died last night.

After noon we got ready and rode into Wolfis; stopped at E. C. Morris's on an errand; then continued on to Charles Starbuck's. Capt E-d C. Joy and family were there. Shot Charles's razor, and spent the time pleasantly until teatime.

Had a real nice supper at near 5 o'clock, and spent the evening in talking about the people of the olden time.

Soon after 10 o'clock we left there and arrived home before 11 and turned in as soon as I had put the horse up.

Monday.

22.d Wind easterly. Weather cloudy,— snowing fine snow Therm' 31.°

Today I am 65 years old — am 5:10 inches in heighth — weigh 165 pounds — have all my teeth but one, which was pulled 7 or 8 years ago, and then was the only time that I ever had the toothache. I wear glasses to read and write.

When I was young I had a light complexion — light hair — light blue eyes — right eye squint. I am now dark, weather-beaten and wrinkled — hair and whiskers grey - with a

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bald spot on the back part of my head.— rather large.

Through all the changes and mutations of sixty years that right eye of mine has remained the same. Such is life.

Noon; the wind is now N.E., and three inches of snow on the ground and snowing yet. Cleared up the barn floor for the purpose of putting in the horses of the invited guests if they come today; if not, at some future time.

Read and wrote some through the day. In the evening J.J. Backus called here and staid till near 9 o clock. Went in the barn and had a look at the heifer; she is near calving. Turned in soon after.

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23. " Wind northerly. Weather cloudy. Ground covered with snow about 4 inches deep Therm 28°. Cleared some paths in the snow. Read and wrote some. Toward night a man came here and wished to stay all night — he had some supper —. He said he was a peddler of salve and plasters, and his name is William Frye. We talked through the evening. Turned in about 9½ o clock.

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24. " Wind N.W. and strong. Weather clear and cold and the snow blowing. Soon after breakfast Mrs Frye left us with the intention of going to Tolpis. Soon after E.C. Morris came here and left his wife and he went to town.

After noon Charles Starbuck brought E.C. Chadwicks wife here, E.C. Morris returned from town. J.B. Enos, wife and her child, E.C. Jay, wife and daughter came from Teconett. Mrs Chadwick walked. About 5 o' clock we had a nice roast pork supper, and soon after, the Tolpis people went home; because it was thought the wind was increasing and the snow would be heavily banked if they waited, and spent the evening. After they had gone Capt Jay and I went out to get him underway; we then made up our minds that the weather was too heavy for them to go; and we came into the house and talked until after 11 o' clock. Then turned in. Lydia & I upstairs

Thursday.

25th. Wind N.W. and brisk. Weather clear and cold. Therm 16°.
Near 11 o'clock, morn', Capt Fry harnessed his horse to the sleigh and drove home, alone; leaving the women folks here; he returned about 3 o'clock. Charlie Folger had been gunning and stopped in here, and he and I played checkers until 4 o'clock; ere; after which I watered the cattle.
4583. Spent a real pleasant evening and turned in near 11 o'clock.

Friday.

26th. Wind N.W. and moderate. Weather cloudy. Therm 16°.
Turned out and made a fire. Capt Fry slept on the sofa. Did the chores — had breakfast about 8½ o'clock.
Went over to John's and borrowed the 4th basket of coal.
Near noon Joseph Steingardt, wife, daughter and Lydia B. Norris came here; the women staid and Joseph went to town: Oliver C. Backus brought Lucy Emma Enos here; he went to town. C. Starbuck and his two daughters came. D. W. Burgess, wife and Sarah B. Wood, and Ben Wyer and wife came from town.
Fry and Oliver returned about 4½ o'clock, soon after we sat down to a supper of roast pork, and did ample justice to it. After which we had some singing and amused ourselves in various ways, until after 10 o'clock, when they all went home. Capt Fry went in the only sleigh the others had wheel vehicles. I turned in soon after.
& Maggie Ring
Maggie Ring rode to town with D. W. B.

Saturday.

27th. Wind southerly. Weather clear mild and soft. Therm 38°.
Went over to John's and recieved 3 cats. Took care of the line back heifer that calved last night. Chored round. Killed and skinned those 3 cats — put the hides in tan.
John was over here. After noon C. S. Fish called here and staid a couple of hours. Read and wrote some.
J. J. Backus was here in the evening till 8½ o'clock. Turned in 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

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28th. Wind N.E. and moderate. Weather cloudy. Therm 28°.
Near noon Lydia walked down to C. S. Fish's.

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Monday.

29th. Wind S.E. with slight snow. Therm 28°. George B. Starbuck and little Bertie Morse came and brought some clothes. They staid about half an hour, then went back.

I put cuffs to a pair of mittens (buckskin), for E.C. Joy.

Mended my buffalo skin mittens. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

30th. Wind southerly. Weather moderate. Therm 34.

Got ready to go to town, borrowed John's wagon, and Lydia and I went — put up at B.B. Wood's. Took my meals there. Did my errands — Received from Mathew Barney $143-37 cts from estate of Simeon Starbuck. Sold the butter 72 lbs. Did not sell the eggs. 8 doz.

Wrote a letter to William and Elizabeth - enclosed in it a P.O. order for $10, and a receipt for Elizabeth to sign.

6:38. Called over to Paddock's after tea. Attended Lodge in the evening after lodge went with Paddock back again to his house. and staid till after 10 o'clock Lydia (my wife), also C.H. Bailey and wife were there — we all came away together — Lydia and I went to Sarah B's and turned in about 11 o' clock.

Wednesday.

31st. Wind S.W. Weather moderate and cloudy. Therm 38°.

Fed the horse. Took breakfast at Sarah B's. Paid my tax for 1876. $16-85 cts. Did some errands and came home where we arrived about 12¼ o'clock. Yesterday, I carried Wm H. Watt's copy of "Byron's" works to him. I had the book about 2 years. Chored around some.

J.J. Jackins came here after and staid until near 9 o'clock.

4:55. Turned in soon after John went.

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Thursday.

1st. Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Therm 40°. Carried John's wagon home and borrowed his cart — went to town and

bought and brought home 750 lbs of white ash coal.
Carried the cart home and paid John two bushels of coal.
John had let my cattle out at noon. Read some and chored around. Abner B. Fish came here after tea and staid about an hour. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

2d. Wind westerly. Weather soft and mild. Therm 38°.
Went over to John's and recieved a letter sister Elizabeth; the family reside in Westerly, R.I. Answered the letter.
Carted from the marsh nearly west of our house 2 loads of seaweed and put it in the barn for bedding.
Went down on the marsh and gave the letter to Elizabeth to Barzillai Nickerson and asked him to put it into the mail he promised to. I carried the letter before I carted the seaweed. Went over to John's and got the newspaper and came home and read some.
J. J. Backus spent the evening here; Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

3d. Wind N.E. slight snow in the night. Weather cloudy. Therm. 34°.
Went over to John's and borrowed his newspaper. Came home and read some. Charlie Folger brought my "Lewis History", and played checkers with me a couple of hours. Martha W. Fish came about noon and helped Lydia quilt. Abner came about 3½ o'clock and in due time took tea with us. Played euchre in the evening with Abner, and, about 8½ o'clock they went home. Read a little and then turned in.

Sunday.

4th. Wind northerly and light. Weather rainy. Little snow. Therm 32°.
Went over to John's and recieved the newspaper. Came home and read most of the day. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

5th. Wind S.W. and light. Weather pleasant. Thermometer 32°.
Abner G. and Hattie Fish came here in a horse and cart. he carried our quilting bars home — she, walked to school.
Charles Starbuck came and brought some clothes to be washed; and staid about half an hour. Near 1 o'clock, I harnessed.

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After doing the chores; I walked down to Abner's. Had tea — read some — played euchre with Abner, and had a pleasant time; and came home by the light of our lantern where we arrived about 9¼ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Tuesday.

6th. Wind N.W. and brisk. Weather clear. Therm 62°.

Borrowed John's wagon, and Lydia and I rode to town with our horse. Left our things at Sarah B. Wood's. Put the horse under C. G. Coffin's shed. Did some business for Elizabeth with Mathew Barney. Deposited $30 in the Savings Institution for her. Did my errands. Took my meals at Sarah B.'s. After tea called over to Charlie Paddock's and bro' C. P. Gardner's.

839. Attended Lodge in the evening. Harnessed the horse and took the things at Sarah B.'s and came home alone. Put the horse up and turned in about 11 o'clock.

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7th. Wind westerly. strong. Weather clear. Therm 82°.

Worked most of the day making a covering for the horse. Made a rope bridle for the bull. Carried John's wagon home. Just before dark took my lantern and walked to Alpis stopped at C. C. Chadwick's. he called me in; it appeared that Lydia and I should have been invited there with the company that was present: but the person who was intrusted with the invitation did not tell us. I staid only a few minutes there, then walked on to the "Shanty" it is situated a few rods east of the Mill brook ditch; which runs northerly near the large pods. which is the first bound of Squam. Played checkers with Charlie Folger until 9 o'clock: then lighted my lantern and walked home. Saw J. J. Parkers near his house and had a little talk with him. After getting home read

until 12 o'clock. Then turned in alone.

Thursday.

8th. Wind northerly: moderate. Weather clear. Therm 32°

Read some. Winnowed the treebeans: there is about 2 bushels and a peck of them. Near dark, walked to the "Chanty" and played checkers with Charlie Folger and Elmer Killery.

Lighted my lantern and walked home: where I arrived about 9 o'clock. My lantern is what used to be called, among the whalemen a "boat lantern": the foundation or solid frame is made of tin sheet, and the intersices are filled in with horn; which is thin and transparent, to allow the light from the candle to shine through when the lantern is in use. Read some and turned in about 10 o'clock.

Friday.

9th. Wind northerly and moderate. Weather fair. Therm 30°

Put the pumpspout in place: the cattle had shoved it out. Brought some water. Read some in "Sewel's History of the Quakers". Near 2 o'clock, eve'. Lydia came home; she rode from town with Elmer G. Fish as far as his house, and walked from there here. E. J. Backus spent
4586. the evening here and went home about 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

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10th. Wind N.E. and light. Weather pleasant. Therm 29°

Put the pumpspout in and nailed it; the cattle rubbed it out. About 2 o'clock eve'. Capt Edward Boden and wife came here; they live at Woodbury: they took tea with us and staid till 6 o'clock then went home. He and I played checkers most of the time that they were here. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Sunday.

11th. Wind N.E. and light. Weather clear and pleasant. Therm 30°.

Went over to John's and recieved my newspaper. Read some. Got ready and Lydia and I walked over to John's, leading the horse. Harnessed the horse to his wagon and rode to Charles Starbuck's where we arrived about 2 o clock, eve'. C. C. Morris and wife. also C. C. Coy, wife and daughter Mary. came there. Had a pleasant time, and arrived home 10½ o'clock. Turned in.

William B Starbuck at Quaise

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Monday.

12th. Wind S.W. and brisk. Weather cloudy. Therm 30°. There has been white frost for a week and more. Chored around some. Read a little. Worked over a few treebeans. Read some in the evening. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

13th. Wind N.W. and strong. Weather clear. Thermometer 21°. I have a very sore throat and mouth. Did not do much but the chores. Had a fire in the parlor. J.J. Backus called here before noon. After noon Willie Wyer and a youngster named Weirs came here from town and staid about half an hour; then went back with their team. Mattie McFish was called here, and Lydia gave her a pail of soup. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Wednesday.

14th. Wind northerly and quite strong. Weather clear. Therm 30°. I have not done much since Monday having a very sore throat but lay around. Read some and wrote a little. About 9 o'clock when I turned in I took a hot mess of rum and molasses; the same as I did last night for my cold. Went to sleep quite soon.

Thursday.

15th. Wind westerly and moderate Weather good. Therm 28°. J.J. Backus came over and told us of the death of brother George F. Bunker: he had been down to his shop where his grandson George B. Paddock works and left there about 4 o'clock; ere to go home and had proceeded as far as the west steps of the Ocean House, and there sat down apparently to rest. Dr W.F. Pitman saw him as he sat there and went to him for the purpose of assisting him: he took hold of him and spoke to him. Brother Bunker gave only one gasp and was lifeless.

Borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I made preparations and rode to town with our horse by the road all the way. The road has been blocked with snow on the hill in our lane for sometime back.

Upprived in town about 11 o'clock. Did my errands. Bought my first bushel of corn. 85 cts pr bush. Took dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. At 1 o'clock went to Union Lodge Hall and we were organized and at 2½ o'clock we left the hall and went to the late residence of our deceased brother George F. Bunker and after the religious ceremonies were performed, we escorted the body to its last resting place in Prospect Hill Cemetery; and after going through the solemn rites of our order. we walked back to the Hall with the exceptions of the pallbearers (of which I was one) who continued on to the house; whence after the occupants of the carriages had alighted we returned to the hall, and from there we went our several ways.

I went to Sarah B.'s and took tea. Went down to brother Jagger's store and wrote a letter to sister Elizabeth, (she is in Westerly, R.I.) enclosing $7.37 cts. Attended the meeting of the Degree of Rebekah; where we had some fine music by bro C. Freeman and sister Lucy Penny:- some good singing by a quartette of voices- also the reading by sister Waitt of a piece entitled "The Editor."

After the close of the Lodge we repaired to the diningroom and had a kind of a Pic-nic. which we enjoyed for about an hour, then quitted. While I was in the Lodge; Lydia told me that Charlie Paddock would like to have me come over there and sleep. I went and informed Sarah B. that I was going.

Returned to the Lodge room and walked with Lydia to the Sheffield house where she stopped; went back to Paddock's. and we talked until 12 o'clock, then turned in on the sofa.

Friday.

16th " Wind S.W. and light. Weather moderate. Therm 88°.

Took breakfast at Paddock's; after which he and I walked down the paint shop; staid there till 10 o'clock then went and got ready. and about 11 o'clock Lydia and I came home: where we arrived soon after noon. John had done the chores for me.

Carried John's wagon home; and did nothing the remainder of the day; but the chores and read and write some. Turned in 9 o'clock. Heavy rain in the night

Saturday.

17th " Wind N.W. and strong. Weather clear. Thermometer 80°.

Turned out and sat up 8 or 9 hours

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Had supper immediately, and Lydia went with the children to Holmes's. I had to go and drive the cows out of J.W. Folger's pasture; they had gone in, and could not find the way out. Did the chores; then walked down to Holmes's. Spent a pleasant evening and came home about 9½ o'clock by the light of our lantern. Turned in about 11.

Sunday.

18th Wind N.W. strong and cold. Weather clear. Therm 30°

Went over to John's and recieved my newspaper. Came home; had fire in the parlor; staid in there and read and wrote some. G.J. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 9 o'clock, with a little rum and molasses for my cold.

Monday.

19th Wind west northerly and light. Weather cloudy. Therm 30°. It began to snow about 10 o'clock morn. Near 9 o clock E. C. Harris brought his wife here to stay while he went to town; he went. Soon after that George B. Starbuck came here and brought some clothes and staid an hour or so.

Edward came back, just before noon, and had some dinner with us; then he and Sarah went home

Charlie Folger came here about 1 o'clock and played checkers with me till 3½ o'clock then went home. Wrote some.

After tea G.J. Backus brought my two hams here, he having got them in town where they were cured.

Soon after John went home, we turned in.

Tuesday.

20th Wind N.W. quite strong. Weather clear Therm 28°.

Lydia has a very bad cold. I walked down to the gate and asked Mattie Fish to come to our house and stay when she came from school at night.

Got ready and went to town with John's wagon—bought my second bushel of corn.—put my things into Sarah

B. Wood's house. Put the horse under the shed. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s -- Did my errands. Called on Hepsey Macy.

Finished and mailed a letter to sister Elizabeth announcing the death of Mrs Sarah Smith widow of Charles, she died yesterday. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Paddock and on
8345. Bro Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s — got the horse — put the things and some eggs which were not sold, because of the low price 15 cts pr doz. and came home in a bright moonlight night; where I arrived soon after 11 o'clock. Took a hot mess of rum and molasses and
4588. turned in.

Wednesday.

22d. Wind west, northerly, and light. Weather pleasant. Therm 82°. Went over to John's and carried his adze that I had fixed when I was in town. Mason Morse and Daniel C. Brayton called here and staid near an hour. Mr Brayton wanted to buy a yoke of cattle; they went away to go to Charles Starbuck's. Hattie M. Fish went to school from here this morning. Chored around a little — carried John's wagon home. Read some in the evening; turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

22d. Wind west; southerly. Weather clear and pleasant. Therm 82°. Lydia's cold is very bad; and she has the neuralgia in her left ear severely. Made preparations and about noon left home in John's wagon and rode as far as Edward C. Morris's; stopped there a short time, until Charles C. Chadwick, wife and son, and Mrs John B. Enos came along in Charles cart; then Edward harnessed, and we all rode to Joseph Steingardt's to a surprize party: C. Starbuck and his two daughters, C. C. Fox, wife and daughter, Oliver C. Backus, Lucy Hepsa Morris, Cora Coleman and Hattie Wood came there after we did. We amused ourselves in various ways until tea-time, then we had a nice supper composed of as many different articles of food, and more than there was persons present to eat of them. We had a sociable time at the table as we are wont; and some of us had our

February. garrisons provisioned for at least 15 hours. In the evening we had some nice music: both instrumental and vocal. Cora Coleman did the piano for us; and all that could and were inclined sang. About 11 o'clock, after having had a most enjoyable time of near 8 hours the company left in a bright moonlight and a sharp frost, to go home. We arrived here about 11 o'clock; after putting the horse up, I came into the house and notwithstanding the heavy pressure that is now brought to bear against the use of alcoholic drinks by the Temperance Society, I mixed a stout cage of rum and molasses and water and took
4589. it for my cold. Turned in soon after.

Friday.

28th. Wind easterly and light. Weather pleasant. Therm 86°. Chored around some. Went over to John's and got the New York Ledger (newspaper). Came home and read some.

Elmer E. Fish and his little boy Freddie came here after noon and staid a couple of hours. J. F. Backus came up in the evening and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Saturday.

4590.
24th. Wind easterly and strong. Weather rainy. Therm 86°.
In the house most of the day reading and writing.
House leaks; barn leaks; things leak generally, I guess.
J. F. Backus came up in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock

Sunday.

25th. Wind north, easterly. Rainy, snowy all day. Therm 84°.
We were invited to go to Capt E. E. Fay's this afternoon; but the weather being bad and Lydia having so bad a cold we thought it not prudent to go so we have staid at home, and I have amused myself looking at that "Record" that I last winter and the winter before was writing.
I have not seen a person today. I did see a carriage this forenoon going toward Polpis. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Monday.

26th. Wind westerly. Weather comfortable. Therm. 82.
Brought some water for washing. Charles Starbuck came

and brought some clothes; after he went. I harnessed the horse and carried a calf the Burgess bro's farm. Read and wrote most of the day after I came back. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

27th. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm 32. Made preparations - borrowed John's truck wagon and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house.

I took dinner there - did my errands - not the first thing to sell - I am putting our eggs down in lime and water now. Went to Jas W. Macy's house on Orange st. near the Tower and received a bedstead that I had borrowed of him - carried it to Sarah B's and set it up. Called at the paint shop of Paddock & Co.

Took tea at Sarah B's. Went over to Charlie Paddock's and staid till lodge time. Attended Lodge in the evening. After lodge went over to Paddock's with him - my wife was there - staid till near 11 o'clock - then went to Sarah B's - and sat a short time then turned in.

4591.

Wednesday.

28th. Wind westerly and light. Weather clear. Therm 32°

Went down street and staid till 10 o'clock then harnessed the horse and when I got to Sarah B's with him, Lydia came there and wanted I should go over to Obed Bunker's and get a strawbed; I did and brought it to Sarah B's.

Came home; where we arrived near 1 o'clock - carried the wagon home - let the cattle out - John had milked. Chored around some. After tea walked to the "Shanty" to ask George B Starbuck to say to his father and the girls if they were going to Capt Gay's at Dennett, tomorrow to set a waif out of the west chamber window. He said he would. Played checkers with Charlie Folger until 9 o'clock, then walked home. Took a mess of rum and molasses and water and turned in.

Thursday.

March 1st. Wind N.W. and moderate Weather pleasant 10 Therm 32°. Picked over beans most of the day. Read and wrote some

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March. J. J. Baker spent the evening here until 8½ of the clock then he went home. Eat something and turned in.

Friday.

2d. Wind southerly. Weather moderate untill near 8 o'clock eve: then it began to rain and the wind from the S.E. increased. 7 36h. Picking over treebeans. Helped 3 o'clock mounted the horse and went after the cattle; they were in J. Stp. Folger's pasture having gone through a gap in the east fence. Rode in at the gap and drove them out that way, and along home Raining sharp. Put the cattle up. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

4592.

3d. Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 34. Picked over half a bushel of treebeans. Mr. Lydia walked down to Mr. E. Fish's; after noon. Mrs Weick and wife called here. Went after the cows and mended the gap in Mrs Folger's pasture fence; drove the cows home - put them up and did the chores. Walked down to Abner's and staid until 8 o'clock, eve. Then we came home by the light of our lantern, eat something Turned in 9 o'clock

Sunday.

4th. Wind south. Weather cloudy. Therm 42. Went over to John's and recieved my newspaper. Came home and got all ready to go to E. C. Jay's; when I started to get the wagon it began to rain. gave up going and put the horse in the barn. Toward night the rain ceased and the sun set clear. Read and wrote some. Turned in 9 o'clock

Monday.

5th. Wind northerly. Weather cloudy. Therm 26. Finished picking the beans over. Charles Starbuck came here and brought some clothes and staid a short time. Toward night I went over and borrowed a half peck of corn of John. In the afternoon wrote a letter to sister Elizabeth and gave it to John to mail Read some in the evening. Turned in before 8 o'clock.

Tuesday.

6th. Wind northerly. Weather cloudy. Therm 28.

Made preparations – borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town. Sold a bushel of treebeans for $2=50. Bought a bushel and a half of corn – Eat dinner at Sarah B. Wood's. Did my errands. Called over to Ben Wyer's and lent my catskin mittens to Willie till I can make him a pair. Went into Charlie Paddock's and he and I walked down street together to the paint shop. Played some games of checkers with Lonnie & Frank Brown in Capt C Jones's shop. Took tea at Sarah B's. Went over to Paddock's and he and I went to Lodge
7349. together. After Lodge went over to Ben Wyer's with Paddock. Paul Paddock's wife was there; staid about an hour; then went to Sarah B's; and Lydia was there. Talked till Sarah B came home, then went to bed 11 o'clock.

Wednesday.

47. (th) 11 Wind S.W. and strong. Weather clear. Thermometer 54.
Took breakfast at Sarah B's and came home where we arrived at 9=45 o'clock. Carried the wagon home and went into the barn and saw John and had a talk with him – he has the rheumatism badly; so that he could not get over here and do the chores this morning.
Came home and did all the chores.
Afternoon, John came over here walking with a cane: he engaged me to help him do his chores to night.
While he was here Ben Wyer drove up having in the carriage C.R. Paddock and wife, also Ben's child "Lottie".
The two latter staid about an hour then went home.
Charles and Lydia are going to stay some days.
About 5 o'clock, Charlie and I went over and helped John do his chores; then we went over to Mrs Gilb. Edger's pasture and drove our cows home. The cows have gone on the commons almost every day for two months. Did our chores.
In the evening Paddock did some nice fiddling for
4593. us and we spent a pleasant evening. Turned in after 10 o'clock.

Thursday.

8 (th) 11 Wind S.E. moderate, Weather clear. Therm 34.

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Went over to John's and found him not so lame as he was yesterday. Took a walk down to Abner G. Fish's: while there heard the town bells ring for fire. Paddock walked to Abner's west fence, to look and see if he could locate the fire. By the time he got there the bells ceased; he came back and we walked home.

Soon after noon C carried the two Lydias to Charles C. Chadwick's in the cart and horse. Paddock went clamming down to the creek; when C came back from Charles's C went where Paddock was and brought the clams and him to the house. After doing the chores at night Paddock and C rode to Charles's with the horse and cart. Had some supper there. about 20 people were there.

In the evening they had some singing, playing &c. till a little after 10 o'clock, at which time we all left.

Quite dark coming home. Turned in about 11½ o'clock.

Friday.

4594.

9th 11 Wind southerly. Weather rainy from 9 o'clock morn Therm 46°

Paddock and C went over to John's and staid a short time. After we came back Paddock began to make a boat's sail, and worked on it till night.

After tea John came over; Abner G. Fish also came in. Paddock gave us some music on the fiddle for about a couple of hours. Before 9 o'clock the visitors went home.

We all turned in before 10 o'clock.

Saturday.

10th 11 Wind N.W. quite strong. Weather clear. Therm 32°.

Paddock at work on the sail most of the day. Fried clams for dinner. After noon the two Lydias went over to John's and had a look at the house; they staid about an hour.

Just before tea Paddock and C walked over to John's to get him to do an errand in town for Paddock. to buy some rope for the boat sail. Through the evening Paddock gave us some music, and we talked till nearly 10 o'clock then turned in.

Sunday.

11th 11 Wind N.E and light. Weather pleasant. Therm 28°.

Went over to John's and recieved the newspapers and the rope which he procured for Paddock.

After noon we all got ready and walked over to John's and harnessed our horse to his wagon and the two Lydias rode to Charles Starbuck's. Paddock and I walked.

Capt C.C. Foy and wife were there, having arrived before us.

Had a pleasant time till supper time when we had a nice meal. After which we were sociable until 9½ o'clock when we started for home; the two Lydias and I riding, and Paddack holding on the tail of the wagon and walking all the way home. Put the horse up and went into the house and had a talk. Turned in about 11½ o'clock.

Monday.

12th. Wind S.W. and light. Weather cloudy. Therm 36°.

Paddock and I dragged John's wagon home, and staid there about an hour talking with G.C. Gardner's son.

Came back and Charlie worked on his sail. Fried clams.

Toward night Capt C.C. Foy and wife came here from Jamestown: they were invited with some other company that did not come. Rainy, nasty weather. About 8 o'clock the women folk popped some corn and sugared it, and we all had a good eat. Paddock did some fiddling.

We sat and talked until 12 o'clock. Then turned in, we upstairs

Tuesday.

13th. Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. 36°. Toward noon the rain held up a little and Capt Foy and wife went home.

After noon the wind hauled to the N.E. and the rain, began to turn to sleet and snow. Charles Starbuck came here with his horse and wagon and Charlie Paddock went home with him to put a new damper into Charles's stove. Let the cattle out to water near 4½ o'clock. Snowing. Put them up and had tea. Just after I had milked George B. Starbuck brought Charlie Paddock back.

On the evening J.J. Baker came here and Charlie did some fiddling and told some stories and sung a song. John went home about 8½ o'clock. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Wednesday.

14th. Wind easterly and light. Weather cloudy. Therm 32°. some little snow laying on the ground. Our red heifer calved this morning; she is three years old, and this is her second calf. Paddock at work on the boatsail. About 2 o'clock brother Charles Weick brought his wife and child down here and he staid a short time, and left with the promise to return and take tea with us. Finished the sail.

Toward night, Bro. Weick and his little girl came here in their horse and wagon, and took tea with us and staid until 9 o'clock then they all went home. Turned in.

4595.

Thursday.

15th. Wind north, easterly, and strong. Weather rainy Therm 36°. Chored around a little. Getting ready to go to town. Charlie started soon after noon and walked to town. The two Lydias and I started about ½ o clock, with our horse and John's wagon and rode there; left my wife and our things at Sarah B. Woods; she is sick with the rheumatism. Carried Lydia Paddock home. Charlie had a good fire in the house. I went and bought a bushel and a half of corn; and took a bag of flour from the Union store for J. J. Backus; carried them to Sarah B.'s. Put the horse up Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Went over to Paddock's and staid a short time; then he and I walked to the Lodge room and attended the regular meeting of the Degree of Rebekah. After meeting Lydia and I went to Sarah B.'s. Talked a little while and turned in about 11 o'clock.

Friday.

16th. Wind westerly, cold and strong. Weather clear. Therm 28°. Sarah B is quite sick. Turned out and helped Katie make a fire. Went over to Paddock's and he and I walked down street together. Near noon bought a bundle of shingles and some nails for the same. Paddock and I lugged the shingles to the paint shop. Carried the nails to Sarah B. Took dinner at Paddock's. He and I went down street together. Paddock helped me carry the shingles to the wagon

in Charles S. Coffin's barn yard. Harnessed the horse; went to Sarah B.'s and put the things in, and waited for Lydia: when she came and got ready, we came home, where we arrived about 5 o'clock. Lydia made a fire and prepared supper. I did the chores. In the evening J. J. Backus came here and wanted I should read a letter for him that he could not fairly make sense of. I read it to him.

Shortly after Jimmie Allen Barrett came here with a telegram from Wm Hilliker, reporting William's son very sick in Providence, and asking John's wife to go there.

John and Jimmie staid till 8¼ o'clock then went home to John's. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock. Snowy.

Saturday.

4596.
17th. It has snowed a great deal through the night, and the ground is covered quite deep. This morning the wind is easterly and strong. Weather rainy. Thermometer 32°.

After doing the chores, I picked out of the heap down cellar; 2 bushels of potatoes to sell. I have just found the largest nest of hen's eggs on record; there was 61 in it.

I unpacked the eggs that I packed sometime ago in lime and water about as thick as cream. I have 296 packed.

But some leathern hinges to a little slung box that Jimmie Coffin, who keeps in the Union Store, gave me.

It has snowed and blowed ever since morning from the eastward. J. J. Backus came here in the afternoon and staid sometime and carried home a bag of flour that I brought from town for him, yesterday. Snowing.

Did the chores. Read some. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

In January 1851. I made a mistake of two; 4597. therefore 18th. The present count is 4599.

Sunday.

Wind easterly and very heavy. Weather snowy and boisterous.

The thermometer is covered with ice, and can't see the degree of cold; but it is pretty cold. Did the chores.

It has snowed and smothered until about 2 o'clock eve. at which time it quitted and the wind hauled more to the north. Amused my self overhauling my old journals and reading a little here and there as the humor took me.

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March. The wind got farther to the north; then it snowed again. About 5 o'clock, eve: let the cattle out, and they went and drank. Put them up, and did the chores. In the course of the afternoon brought some snow into the house and melted it for the sake of the water. Read some in "Josephus' History of the Jews." Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Monday

19th " Wind N.W. and strong. Snow blowing about quite brisk. There is now more snow on the ground than there has been before this winter. Weather clear. Thermometer froze up. Did the chores, and brought some peat and water. G.G. Bakers came here about 10 o'clock, morn, and bought a half pound of butter. Went over to John's and he helped me grind my shingling hatchet. Read some. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

20th " Wind northerly. Weather clear, Therm 22°. It has snowed a little through the night. Went over to John's and asked him to come over and do the chores for me to night. About 11 o'clock Capt E-d C. Foy and a boy came here from "Consett in a sleigh and staid about an hour then went back. While they were here Mattie M. Fish and her brother Freddie came here. Soon after noon I started for town with 2 lbs butter, in a basket and my rubber over shoes and thin boots in a travelling bag. Stopped at M.G. Fish's and there learnt that Mattie could come here and stay with Lydia. She and Freddie had gone home before I left our house I continued on toward town through the snow which was deep in places. Met Elmer G. Fish coming from town, and we sat down on M. M. Apple's south fence and had a long talk; then went our ways.

Arrived at Sarah J. Woods at 2-20 o'clock, rested a little, and went down street. Went back to Sarah B's and took tea. After tea went over to Charlie M. Baddack's. Attended Lodge in the evening.

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Paddock and I went to bro C.B. Gardner's and staid about an hour; then went into his house and talked till near 12 o'clock then turned in on the sofa.

Wednesday.

21st. Wind southerly a stiff breeze Weather cloudy. Therm 40°

Took breakfast at Paddock's. Lydia is quilting. He and I walked down street. Received a letter from brother Wm H. Caswell about a picture called the "Seasons" that Mrs Sarah Smith gave Elizabeth before she died.

Went to Sarah B's and took my things (she is sick yet but some better). Walked to E. H. Packus's about noon to wait for E.F. Packus who was going to walk out home with me. waited a half an hour then came as far as H.S. Fish's; stopped in there a short time then came home. Hattie and Freddie Fish were here and went home soon after I arrived.

E.F. Packus came in, in about an hour, having walked from the Burgess bro's farm alone; he rode as far as there. Put the cows up when they came from the commons. John came in again in the evening, and staid until near 9 o'clock then went home.

I read some in a book entitled, "The Gold Hunter's Adventures, or, Life in Australia" sometime then turned in.

Thursday.

22d. Wind easterly. Weather rainy all day and far into the night. Therm 40°. The snow going very fast; some of the banks have been eight feet high. The reason that I walked to town Tuesday was; because there was too much snow for the horse. Read in the same book as yesterday all day and until 12 o'clock at night; except doing the chores. Abner S. Fish called here about dark and staid a couple of hours; then started for home.

Turned in soon after midnight.

Friday.

23d. Wind easterly and blowing strong. Weather damp and driggly and rainy. Therm 42°. Finished reading the book.

1877.

March. Answered the letter that I recieved from Wm H. Caswell last ~~Friday~~ Wednesday. Have a bad cold, sore throat and all the accompaniments belonging thereto. Staid in the house most of the day; reading and writing.

After tea Lydia walked down to A.S. Fish's. After doing the chores I walked there; we staid until 9 o'clock then came home. Read a little; then turned in.

Saturday.

24th. Wind very light almost calm. Weather pleasant. Therm. 46°.

Went over to John's and carried a letter for him to mail, and borrowed a half bushel of corn. John drove up here having his father in the wagon; they were bound to town. Took out of the wagon my half bushel of corn and put in a bushel of potatoes for him to carry to Obed G. Coffin in town. Read most of the day in the report of the Proceedings of the G. L. of N. S. of I. F. Johns called here in the evening and staid an hour or so then went home.

4600. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

4601. 25th. Wind easterly. Weather clear. Therm 42°. Went over to John's and borrowed his "Mirror and Inquirer."

Making preparations to go to Capt E.C. Joy's. Left home about noon and went there. Capt Starbuck and his daughters Etta and Elka were there. Spent a pleasant afternoon and evening. Had some sugared corn in the evening that Mary Joy and the other girls made. Started home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in as soon as I had put the horse up.

Monday.

26th. Wind easterly and strong. Weather rainy all day. Therm.

When Capt Joy was here last Tuesday; through mistake I gave him some of the papers from which I am copying the names into my "Record Book" and yesterday I borrowed them; and today I have copied the name into the "Record."

Worked at it all day except doing the chores. Copied the 468 to 473 inclusive. J.J. Backus called here in the daytime.

4602. Read some in the evening; turned in about 9 o'clock

1603.

Vale. Tuesday.

27th. Wind S.E. strong breeze. Weather thick and rainy. Therm. 50°.
Copied some in the "Record". After noon got ready and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's. Delivered some potatoes to O.B. Coffin bought 2 bushels of corn of him. Did my errands. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called at the paint shop and walked around a little. After tea went over to Charlie Paddock's and he and I went to the Lodge together. After Lodge Paddock and I walked over to Benj F. Myer's 2d's — my wife was there quilting. Staid till 10 o'clock nearly. Then Lydia and I walked to Sarah B.'s — harnessed the horse put our things into the wagon at Sarah B.'s and came home. The horse mad a considerable muss going up hill. I got out twice to look at the harness and alter it a little and then he came better. It appeared as if the collar hurt his near shoulder.
Arrived home about 12 o'clock midnight. Turned in soon.

1604.

Wednesday.

28th. Wind southerly and moderate. Weather rainy and nasty. Therm 50°.
Writing some in the "Record", and doing the chores.
Brother Charles Weeks called here to get some motherwort he staid about an hour. We had no motherwort. He went to Abner G. Fish's for some. Carried the wagon over to John's in the morning while it was raining.
F.F. Backus called here after tea. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

29th. Wind northerly. Weather rainy and drizzly. Therm 40°.
Wrote in the "record" most of the day; stopped only to do the chores and go over to John's and get some turneps to cook.
Read some after dark. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

30th. Wind northerly. Weather snowy in the morning; clear at night.
Therm 30°. Wrote in the "Record" most of the day.
F.F. Backus called here in the evening. Read and wrote some
Turned in about 9 o'clock.

William B. Starbuck Nantucket, Mass.

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March 31st. 4605. Saturday.

Wind northerly and light. Weather clear. Therm 40°.

Made preparations and went to "sacacha" and put some shingles on the roof of my house there and patched a considerable. While there heard that our brother Odd Fellow Henry H. Nickerson was accidentally killed yesterday onboard a wrecked vessel near Chicopee pond by falling from aloft and striking on his head; he survived the fall about two hours. The inmates of my house are Fred Dunham and his brother William C. and Alex Chapelle. On coming home on the south side of Sacacha pond; the horse fell down in a deep wide ditch and the bottom was so soft that he could not get up until I had unharnessed him. I then sleved the cart some and harnessed him in again, and after some heavy tugging he pulled the cart out.

One of the Worcross boys came there in a wagon to see if I wanted some help; I did not and thanked him for coming and he went back. I sounded the next ditch and found it too deep and the sides too abrubt to be passable. I then struck out south west to Charles Starbuck's by the road that leads there from the south. I stayed (quite wrong) a short time – borrowed a hammock and came home, where I arrived near 6 o'clock, eve'.

Lydia was down to Elmer G. Fish's. I did the chores. She came home before dark. I had supper – mended the clews to the hammocks and put them on. Then wrote this day's work. 8½ o'clock now, and I'll knock off. Turned in 9 o'clock

~~J. F. Bakers spent the eve' here. Martha W. Fish came here about dark and staid until 9 o'clock. Then we lent her our lantern and she went home. John left for his home at the same time.~~ Turned in soon after they went.

April 1st. Sunday. Monday.

Wind southerly. Weather rainy part of the time. Therm 46°.

Went over to John's and got the papers and a letter from Wm H. Caswell. Read the papers Wrote some

in the Record I am writing up the Hussey family now
Abner G. Fish called here before noon. G. G. Backus came over in the evening. Martha W. Fish came here about dark and staid until 9 o'clock the we lent her our lantern and she walked home. John left here at the same time..
Turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

4606.
2 ¼ Wind S.W. Weather rainy before noon after noon cloudy Therm 58°.
Wrote in the Record most of the forenoon. George B. Starbuck came here and staid more than an hour, then went home.
6. loads. After noon carted 6 loads of manure from under the barn and spread it on the S.W. corner of the north lot where I had corn last year. A.G. Fish brought our quilting bars and lantern home. I picked out a couple of bushels of potatoes to sell. Did the chores. Mattie M. and Freddie Fish came and asked us to carry her books to town for her tomorrow: We shall if we go. She and Freddie went home, after a short time. Raining sharp. Read and wrote a little. Turned in before 8 o' clock.

Tuesday.

8 ¼ Wind N.E. and very strong. Weather cloudy. Therm' 40°.
Wrote in the Record until near 10 o'clock morn then got ready and borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into O. B. Wood's — delivered some potatoes to Obed G. Coffin at $1 per bushel. bought a bushel of corn of him. Put the horse under Charles G. Coffin's shed — Took dinner at Sarah B.'s.
After noon did my few errands. Called at Paddock & Co's paint shop also at George F. Paddock's shop and into Jones's shoemaker's shop. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to bros Charles R. Paddock's and Charles F. Gardner's.
8745. Attended Lodge in the evening — acted as N.G. after lodge went to Sarah B.'s and found Lydia there; went out and bought some apples; went back and we eat most of them. Turned in soon after 11 o'clock.

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April.

Wednesday.

4. Wind N.E. and moderate. Weather cloudy. Therm. 36°.
Had breakfast at Sarah B.'s and then got ready and Lydia and I came home where we arrived about 10 o'clock. Did the chores. Wrote in the record until noon. had dinner — then let the cattle out and carted 6 loads of
12 loads manure and spread it on the land where I had corn last year. Wrote a little in the record. G. F. Backus came over after tea. he went home about 8 o'clock. We turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

5. Wind easterly. Weather rainy most of the day. Therm 46°.
Wrote in the record most of the day, except doing the chores and going over to John's and staying a short time
Turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Friday

6. Wind westerly. Weather rainy and drizzly. Therm 36.
Wrote in the record most of the day. Went over to Johns and borrowed his newspapers and read them.
John was over and staid until 8 o'clock. Turned in about 9.

Saturday

7. Wind N.W. and strong. Weather clear. Therm 40°.
Carted and spread on the ground where I purpose
25 loads. having potatoes 13 loads of manure. John C. Gardner came to the manure pen and we had a talk about fixing the fences. After noon Martha W. Fish walked here. Charles Starbuck also came having ridden as far as our gate with his son George B. who went to the Burgess brothers farm. I strapped Charles's razor for him; and, when George B came he went home with him. Carted a load of seaweed from the shore to the north of the barn and spread it there. Got the horse into the clay at the shore and had to leave the first load off and get him out and put another on.
Martha went home soon after tea. I carried John's wagon home. Did the chores. Wrote in the record in the evening. Read some. Turned in before 10 o clock.

William F. Starbuck Nuaise. Nantucket.

Sunday.

8 A.M. Wind N.E. and moderate. Weather clear Therm 40°.

Went over to John's and recieved my newspaper. Came back and eat breakfast. Read a little; wrote some in the "record" About 9 o'clock Charles Starbuck and his two daughters Ettia and Ella came here by invitation:

Between 3 and 4 o clock, we saw Jonnie King and his sister Maggie riding up the road. I hailed them and they drove up to the house and came in. In a short time Johnie went back to town. Had tea about 5 o'clock. Did the chores. The girls popped some corn and mixed some molasses with it and had it to eat. We had a real pleasant time until about 8½ o'clock when they all rode home in Charles' carriage. I fixed Charles' razor for him while he was here. Maggie told us that my brother Odd Fellow Albert Colby died today at noon. Wrote some after they went. Turned in near 10 o'clock.

Monday.

9 A.M. Wind easterly and strong Weather clear Therm 40°.

Carted and spread on the land where I purpose to plant potatoes 9 loads of manure; also carted and tipped down near the bars of the same piece, 7 loads of manure.

24 loads
41 loads.

Picked out a couple of bushels of potatoes to carry to town tomorrow. G. G. Dakins came over here after tea and staid till near 9 o'clock. I wrote in the "Record". Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

10 A.M. Wind easterly and very strong. Weather rainsqually. Therm 36°.

Made ready and borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town—put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house. Delivered 124½ lbs of potatoes to Otis B. Coffin at 1⅔ ¢ per lb. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands Sold the butter and eggs. Loafed around the remainder of the after-noon. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on Bro' Charles B. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s. Harnessed the horse and Lydia and I rode home where we arrived at 11½ o clock put the horse up

54 lb.

(Turned in.

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Wednesday.

11th Wind N.E. and strong. Weather clear. Therm 46°.

Picked over the remainder of the potatoes and got about 4 bushels of merchantable ones. Had early dinner and harnessed the horse to John's wagon and carted the potatoes and a bushel of beans to town and sold them.

Went to Sarah B. Wood's and when Katie came from school, they two came out here with me where we arrived about 5 o'clock. When I went to town Lydia rode with me as far as Abner G. Fish's and in the course of the afternoon she walked back home.

Had supper and did the chores. Wrote some in the "Record". Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

12th Wind N.E. and heavy. Weather clear. Therm 46°. Fast day.

Wrote in the record some before noon about noon got ready and went over to John's with the horse and harnessed him to his wagon and rode to town. Put the horse under the shed. Went immediately to the Lodge room; from where, near 3 o'clock, we moved in procession to the late residence of our late brother Albert Sobey. In due time we walked to the cemetery on Prospect Hill; where the remains were placed in the grave with the customary ceremonies of the I.O.O.F. I served as one of the pall-bearers. Went back to the Lodge and disbanded. I went from there and harnessed the horse and came home; where I arrived about 6 o'clock. John had done the chores for me.

Wrote some in the record in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Friday.

13th Wind northerly light and calm. Weather clear. Therm 42°.

Carted and spread on the piece where I had potatoes last 58 loads. year in the S.E. corner of the north lot 12 loads of manure.

Mattie Mitchell Fish and her brother Freddie came and Katie went to Bolpis with them; they returned about 3 o'clock. A large number of vessels were anchored to the westard of Great point toward night on account of the calm.

Wrote a little in the evening. J. J. Backus came over here and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

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Saturday.

14th Wind easterly and moderate. Weather cloudy. Therm 58°.

As soon as breakfast, went to Abner S. Fish's, and sowed the grain and grass seed on about 2½ acres of land

Came home about 11 o'clock. Foddered the cattle and eat dinner. Laid down about an hour. Carted and 59 loads. spread on the last year's potatoe ground 6 loads of manure. Abr. S. Fish came here after noon and ploughed on last year's cornpiece; his daughter Martha came here and staid to tea and went home with her father when he quitted plowing. J. J. Backus ~~was~~ at over here in the ~~evening~~.

Read some and wrote a little in the evening. I have finished copying all the families that I have an account of into the "Record" until I can borrow some other books to copy from. I have got as far as the 519th page on which the register of the Loy family is finished. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Sunday

15th Wind easterly and moderate. Weather pleasant. Therm, 40°.

Went over to John's and recieved my newspaper, and a pound of cheese that he bought for me in town.

In the course of the forenoon Willis H. Wyer came here on horseback— staid a short time, and went to Charles Starbuck's

Read and wrote some. After noon Jacob B. Gibbs called here, to get my seeddrill; it is broke, and he could not have it. J. J. Backus was here in the evening and 4608. staid till near 9 o'clock, then went home. Turned in soon after.

Monday.

16th Wind westerly and light. Weather pleasant. Therm 38°.

Carted and spread on last year's potatoe piece 6 loads 6.6 loads. of manure. Abner S. Fish carted one to the same place and spread it, after he had finished plowing the corn piece.

We then commenced plowing the piece that had been just manured. I carted a few pasts to where the fence is broken down. Abner took dinner with us, then went

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April. to plowing. I went over to John's and borrowed his wagon harnessed our horse to it and the women folks rode to E.C. Morris's. E.C. Morris and wife drove in here on their way home from town and she told me that she expected to go to Westerly R.I. next Thurs-day. they went home.

I worked at mending the fence a couple of hours. Ebner finished the piece and went home about 3½ o'clock.

After doing the chores; I walked to E.C. Morris's and took tea; after which I went into the "Shanty" and played a few games of checkers with Charlie Edger.

I was sent for to go back to Edward's and there I found Joseph Steingardt who had sent for me: we played checkers an hour or so; then quitted. I staid until 10-21 o'clock then left for home. It was a surprize party gotten up to celebrate Sarah Morris's birthday; who was 64 years old yesterday. 13 guests sat down to the table; and 5 came after tea. We had a very pleasant time and pleasant weather to come home in. I turned in soon after getting home.

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Tuesday.

17th Wind S.E. moderate. Weather cloudy with some squalls of rain, toward night it was clearer. Therm 46°.

I made preparations and left home for town, with a calf in the wagon which I left at the brothers Burgess' farm; just before I passed into the gate there, a team with a load of furniture belonging to Hiram Reed (colored) went out to town. Down by the Rug light I asked Hiram to ride and after he got into the wagon, he told me he had quitted working for Burgess brothers; he got out at the house on the corner of Back and Orange Sts where he is going to reside. Bought a couple of bushels of corn at 75 cts pr bush. Put my things in S.B. Wood's house and the horse under the shed. Rainy. Bought 22 lbs of clover seed at 17 cts per lb; and 18 lbs of herds grass seed at 7 cts pr lb. bought some spruce joist 2x3 and some screw bolts to make a harrow with.

After noon went with the team and brought them up. Called into the paint shop and saw E. Jones's. Eat my

supper at the house. Cruised about down street until about 7 o'clock, then went into the Lodge; at 8 o'clock attended the meeting which closed near 10 o'clock. Went to the shed harnessed the horse; from there to the house and put my things in the wagon and came home where I arrived about midnight. Turned in soon after.

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Wednesday.

18th. Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Therm 46°. Lydia rose at daylight and walked down to Elmer G. Fish's for the purpose of riding to town with him; to attend the vendue sale of the furniture of Mrs Sarah Smith lately deceased.

77 loads. I carted and tipped up 11 loads of manure near the bars of the ground for potatoes. Lydia came home about 4 o'clock having ridden from town to our gate with Lydia B. Morris; she had been to town to carry her mother, who goes to Westerly R.I. tomorrow. Lydia says that she bought the parlor stove that had belonged to Sarah Smith for the sum of $3=50 cts. J. J. Backus came over in the evening and staid until near 9 o'clock. Had some corn balls in the course of the evening. Turned in before 10 o'clock.

Thursday.

19th. Wind easterly and strong. Weather wet and drizly Therm 45°. Picked out some potatoes for seed; having taken out all that was merchantable before. After noon got ready and about 1 o'clock left home with Sarah B., and Katie Wood and Lydia in the wagon and rode to town; put our things into Sarah B.'s house, and put the horse up. Walked down street and staid till noon. Took ~~dinner~~ tea at Sarah B.'s. Paid Th. H. Merrick for the stove and a piece of zinc $3=75 cts. Received the pay for the calf that I delivered Tuesday $4=50 cts. Called at the paint shop in the course of the afternoon, and played a few games of checkers with J. Frank Brown in Th. C. Jones' shop. Attended meeting of the R. Degree. Went to Sarah B.'s. Raining fast. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Friday.

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20th. Wind S.W. and moderate. Weather foggy. Therm 56° at 11 o'clock. Took breakfast at Sarah B.'s and came directly home;

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April. where we arrived at 9:20 o'clock; before I had put the horse up; Martin Berry and Patrick Conway drove into the yard and bought 2½ bushels of seed potatoes of me at 90 cts pr bushel; they went away. Did the chores. Wrote a little.

After noon picked out 2½ bushels of seed potatoes and began to make a harrow of some spruce joist. J. J. Bakers was here after tea and went away near 8 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Saturday.

21st. Wind westerly and moderate. Weather clear. Therm 52°, at noon.

Carted and tipped down near the south west corner
8½ loads. of the north lot 7 loads of manure from under the barn; also carted a load of seaweed from the shore to the north part of the barn, and spread it to dry. After noon gave the bull, Oliver a lesson in harrowing; on last years potatoe piece.

Bored the holes in the harrow for the teeth. Put a new handle to a muckfork. Chored around a little.

Carried John's wagon home, and brought my breshharrow up from the little pond where it has been all winter.

Read a little, and turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

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22d. Wind N.E. and strong. Weather rainy. Therm 42°. at 6 o'clock noon.

Went over to John's and read his paper and recieved mine; came back and read some. Wrote a little. Rainy most of the day.

Let the cattle out to water and put them back as soon as I had cleaned the barn out. John was over here in the
4611. evening, and went home before 9 o'clock. We turned in soon after.

Monday.

23d. Wind N.E. and strong. Weather clear. Therm 49°. at noon.

91. loads. Carted 3 loads of manure from under the barn; and 4 from the hogpen north of the shop and spread it all on the acre piece in the front lot. George B. Starbuck came and recieved 2 bushel of potatoes: one of them for seed; he brought 4 bushels of oats at 60 cts pr bush. I paid him the difference in price, 20 cts. Benjamin Colley called here about 10½ o'clock. He is looking for work.

After noon mended the harrow. The bull broke it the other

day. Sowed down the last year's potatoe piece; there is an acre of it, and D was a little short of 5 hours harrowing it — putting on the and brushing it. While D was at work on it Thomas Wickerson son of Barzillai, came there and wanted to hire out. D was not in want of any help; D sent him to the house to get something to eat; when D came up Lydia told me that she gave him some gingerbread and milk. Did the chores. J. J. Backus was over and staid till near 9 o'clock, then went home. Turned in soon after.

Tuesday.

24th. Wind easterly and moderate. Weather cloudy. Therm 48° at 7 o'clock (a.m.)

Got ready and borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and D rode to town. Bought 1½ bush corn at 75 cts pr bush. also a bag of flour. Went to Sarah B.'s and put the things into the house. Put the horse under the shed.

Went down street — played checkers with B. F. Brown.

Took dinner at Sarah B's. Sold a pound and a half of butter. Eggs would not sell brought them home.

× After dinner did my errands. At 3 o'clock went to the Odd Fellows Lodge; at 4 o'clock, organized, and walked to the steamboat landing and there awaited her coming when she arrived, the expected body of our late bro. Thomas Augustus Coffin was not onboard and we marched back to the Lodge room and disbanded. There was 25 went. The body is expected Thursday next. Went into Jones's

× shop before 5 o'clock and played checkers with Gardner.

Took tea at Sarah B's. After tea went to Mrs Abigail Keene's and recieved from her a picture that Mrs Sarah Smith gave my sister Elizabeth, sometime before her death.

848. Called on bro. Charles F. Gardner. Attended Lodge at 8 o'clock, Closed near 11 o clock. Went to Sarah B.'s; Lydia was there; — went and harnessed the horse — put our things in the wagon at S B.'s and Lydia and D came home; where we arrived at 11¾ o'clock. Put the horse up and turned in.

Wednesday.

25th. Wind S. W. very light. Weather pleasant. Therm 64°, at 12 o'clock.

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April. Spark Pierce Chadwick came here and bought a bushel of potatoes for seed; for which he paid me one dollar.

Picked out 5 bushels of potatoes. Stopped some potholes in the cellar with pieces of brick and cement.

After noon Lydia walked down to Elmer S. Fish's.

Packed 97 eggs in lime and water about as thick as cream.

94 loads. Carted from the hogpen, north of the shop, 3 loads of manure and spread it on the land front of the house.

Carried John's wagon over also 2 bushels of seed potatoes for him to carry to town and deliver to those 112
that spoke for them yesterday. Did the chores and got my supper by sundown. Lydia came home about dark. Wrote a little. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

26th. Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 56°, at 1 o'clock.

Carted from the hogpen the remainder of the manure 4 loads and spread it on the land front of the house.

Near noon Mrs Weick and child accompanied by Mrs Enas drove in here and I put 2 bushels of potatoes into 12
their wagon. They took dinner with us, and left about 2 o'clock. Carted from under the barn and spread on
105 loads. the same piece 7 loads of manure. Near 4 o'clock eve, Lydia went over to John's and rode from there to town with G. H. Backus. About 7½ o'clock I left home with our horse and John's wagon and rode over to Wescott and carried the parts of the new harrow to have the teeth burnt in. Put the horse into his barn, and went into house, where Mr Alex Paddock and Capt George Cash were.

Talked with them until near 10 o'clock; they then went home, and shortly after Charlie's wife came home. Turned in.

Friday.

27th. Wind nowhere—flat calm. Weather pleasant. Therm 58° at 11 o'clock

Turned out about 6 o'clock, and fed the horse - bought his mess of corn of Oliver C. Fidger. Went to Capt G. Cash's fishhouse and he gave me some tongues and a roaster. Took breakfast at Paddock's — harnessed the horse

and rode over to Charles Starbuck's — stopped there a short time. Charles looks miserable — and is so bad that he is out of bed only about an hour at a time. Came from there home where I arrived soon after 10 o'clock. Lydia had got here a short time before I did, having ridden from town with George H. Babcock. Changed my clothes and did the chores.

Wrote some. After noon; carted a load of manure from under the barn and with it finished manureing the acre piece in front of the house; also carted from the same place
11 3 loads. 6 loads and spread them on the north meadow. Chored around a little after tea. J. J. Babcock came over and staid
4612. till a little after 8 o'clock. I turned in soon after.

Had one of my spells and had to turn out. Sat up a short time, then turned in again. Got to sleep about 10.

Saturday.

28th. Wind easterly and light. Weather cloudy; spit of rain. Therm 56° at noon.
Carted and spread on the north meadow, from under
12 4 loads. the barn 12 loads of manure. Drove John's wagon home.
Looked over my journals a little. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

29th. Wind S.E. and strong. Weather foggy. Ther 48° at noon.

Went over to John's and got my newspaper. Came back and read some. Lydia and I got ready and carried our things over to John's and borrowed his wagon.

Harnessed our horse to it, and we rode into Wilbur's; stopped at Charles C. Chadwick's and inquired if Edward C. Morris had received any bad news. They had not heard any. I had heard that a telegram came for him last night. We went to Edward's and there learned that his wife was very sick with inflamation of the bowels; in Westerly R.I. He is going there tomorrow.
We rode to Charles Starbuck's to inquire how he is; he is some little better; left some clothes there and rode to Capt C. C. Fay's; where Lydia got out and I went to Charlie Paddock's and got the parts of my harrow that he had put the teeth into. Staid a little while

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April. then went back to Capt Foy's. On due time had tea and spent the time after that till 7 3/4 o'clock very pleas-antly; at which time we came home. Weather foggy. Before we went away; Lydia made a fire in the parlor and when we arrived it was burning nicely.

Turned in soon after getting home.

Monday.

30th. Wind easterly. Weather cloudy. Therm 50°

Worked on the harrow. George B. Starbuck and Charlie Folger came here. I played checkers with Charlie; they went home in about an hour. After noon brush-harrowed the acre in the front lot, and the manure on the north meadow. After doing the chores I read a little. J. J. Backus was here in the evening. Turned in.

May.

Tuesday.

1st. Wind easterly. Weather cloudy and warm. Therm 56°.

Got ready and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon - put the things into Sarah B. Wood's house - had Charlie's shoes reset. Bought some corn 85 cts pr bush; also some paint for my harrow. Did my errands - played checkers with Johnie Frank Brown. Took my meals with Sarah B. Called on bro Charles B. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening; after lodge meeting, Ben Wyer went to Sarah B's with me, and helped me put the stove that Lydia bought of Sarah Smith's estate into the wagon. I put the rest of the things in and Lydia and I came home where we arrived about 11 o'clock. After putting the horse up and taking the things out of the wagon I put some covering over the stove and left it in the wagon.

Turned in near midnight

Wednesday.

2d. Wind northerly. Weather rainy most of the day. Therm 52°.

Took the stove out of the wagon and into the kitchen. After breakfast dragged John's wagon home and delivered a letter to him that I took out of the office yesterday. Put the harrow together and painted it. Painted

a couple of tin cans for Lydia. Put a pitchfork into a new handle. oiled it, also oiled the handle that I put to a muck fork lately. Made a whip-handle. Plaited a lash 5 feet long out of a piece of buffaloe skin that C. C. Jay gave me. put the lash on the handle. After tea wrote from the top of page 206 to this spot—this very spot. F. F. Backus is now here 8 o'clock; he went home before 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

Thursday

8th. Wind westerly, very strong. Weather clear. Therm' 56°.

Carted from under the barn and spread on the north meadow 14 loads of manure. After noon Martha W. Fish came here and staid till after tea, and then went home.

138 loads.

About 5 o'clock eve', Lydia rode to town with F. F. Backus. I did the chores and plaited a whiplash out of part of a buffaloe skin that I bought of F. F. Backus last year. Wrote this day's work. Read some. Lydia came home about 10 o'clock. Turned in soon after she came.

Friday.

9th. Wind westerly, and strong. Weather cloudy most of the day. Ther' 48°. Carted and spread on the north meadow from under the barn 12 loads of manure. Made a whiplash in the evening. F. F. Backus came over after tea and staid about an hour. Read a little and turned in.

150 loads.

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Saturday.

10th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 48°.

Carted and spread on the north meadow east of the ditch 4 loads of manure; which makes 33 loads put on that side of the main ditch; also carted 6 loads and spread them on the little, and northwest coves.

160 loads.

3 loads. Carted and put under the barn 3 loads of turf.

Abner G. Fish and his little boy Freddie called here and staid about an hour. In the evening braided a whiplash. Read some. Turned in after 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

11th. Wind S.E. Weather cloudy. Therm 46° at 8 o'clock, morn.

Went over to John's and received my newspaper.

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May. Came home and read some. It began to rain about 10 o'clock, morn'. Amused myself in the shop painting the new harrow. &c. Read some in the evening

Turned in about 9 o'clock

Monday.

6th. Wind northerly then easterly. Weather clear. Therm 50°.

Gave the bull a lesson in brush-harrowing on the north meadow. Well! he acted - he did. Mended the south fence of the north lot. George D. Starbuck came here and brought some clothes and recieved some others.

John F. Enos came here and wanted a blade for a wheel hoe; I gave him one. Amused myself in the shop plaiting a whiplash out of whale sinew, after tea.

J.F. Backus came over after tea; he went home about 9½ o'clock; after helping me put the red cow in the calving pen. 170

I forgot to write in its proper place: just before tea I carted and spread on the north meadow 14 loads of manure. 164 loads.

Turned in about 9 o'clock

Tuesday.

8th. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant? Therm 46°

Went over to John's and borrowed his wagon and harnessed our horse to it and drove back. The red cow calved last night. Got ready and Lydia and I rode to town: put our things into Sarah F. Woods - did my errands. Went to the Lodge and copied some of the names and ages of the members into a book; by permission of the Lodge. Near the time of the arrival of the steamboat, I went to the wharf; knowing Tim and George D. Jones were coming in her. When she came to the wharf, I spoke to them and then they went up town. I engaged Wm. Moores to carry their trunks up and walked up myself. In due time I went over to Charles C. Davis's by invitation and took tea. Hepsey Macy, Obed Bunker and daughter, Tim and George and Lydia and I were there besides the family. After tea saw D.G. Starbuck down street,

and had a talk with him. Attended Lodge in the evening. After Lodge walked over to Charles C. Snow's. Sue Folger gave us some nice music. Staid there about an hour; then walked through Lilly and Gardner streets with Hepsa Macy and left her at the corner of Howard street; went from there to Sarah B.'s. — harnessed the horse — put some of the things and a trunk into the wagon and Tim, George, Lydia and I rode home where we arrived about 12½ o'clock. Turned in soon after 1 o'clock.

Wednesday.

9th. Wind N.E. and strong. Weather cloudy with spits of rain. Therm 47°. Gave the bull a lesson in brush harrowing on the north meadow. Carted from under the barn and spread on the N.W. cove of the north meadow 9. loads of manure. 17 loads. After noon Tim and George went to Wolpis and returned about 5 o'clock eve;

After tea I went over and put John's horses and cattle into the barn. Raining. Borrowed John's newspaper of his wife and came home. Did my chores. Read some. Turned in about 8¾ o'clock.

Thursday.

10th. Wind N.E. Weather rainy. Therm 44°, at noon. Gave the bull a lesson in brush harrowing on the north meadow. Raining most of the time that I was down there.

After noon Lydia and I got ready and rode to town in John's cart, standing up. Went to Sarah B. Wood's and put the things that were left there last Tuesday, into the cart. Lydia stopped there. Drove down to the lumber yard and bought 100 feet of spruce fencing boards, and came home; where I arrived about 5 o'clock.

Raining all the time I was coming home.

Had supper and did the chores. G. F. Bickus was over here in the and staid about an hour. When I came home I brought Tim's and George's trunks and in Tim's was a pair of shoes and a cake of soap that Ellis Jones sent me from Brockton he made them. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

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May.

Friday.

11th. Wind northerly, moderate. Weather pleasant. Therm 50° at 7 A.M. 14 L

Gave the bull a lesson in harrowing on the land where I purpose having potatoes. The boys helped me put up a new fence from the house to the front lot.

After noon gave the bull another lesson in harrowing. The boys walked to town since dinner.

Mr Edward Boden brought Lydia home about 10½ o'clock. Toward 4 o'clock I finished carting the manure from under the barn and spread it on the north
172 loads. meadow, 2 loads. J. J. Backus was over here in the eve' and staid sometime, and went home. I turned in soon after.

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Saturday.

12th. Wind from N.E. to S.W. moderate. Weather pleasant. Therm. 58° at noon

Gave the bull a lesson in harrowing. Carted 3 loads of turf and put it under the barn.

After noon gave the bull another lesson. Carted 4
12 loads. loads of turf and put it under the barn.

Abner G. Fish called here about 3½ o'clock and stopped a short time. Read a little. I turned in soon after 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

13th. Wind westerly; light. Weather pleasant. Therm. 54° at 8 o'clock

Went over to John's and got my newspaper. Read some.

Borrowed John's truck wagon and Lydia and I rode into Pelpis; stopped at E. C. Morris's; aunt Nancy Allen was there and informed us that Sarah Morris's corpse was expected to come in the boat Tuesday; The last news they had from Westerly R.I. was that there was no hope of her recovery. We continued on to Charles Starbuck's. David Burgess and wife were there. Capt E. C. Fay, wife and daughter came after us. Had a pleasant time. took tea — and had a nice time in the evening. Came home at 10½ o'clock. I turned in soon after.

Monday.

14th. Wind westerly and strong. Weather pleasant. Therm 56°.

Gave the bull a lesson in ~~brush~~ harrowing. Carted from

the shore and spread north of the barn a load of seaweed.

14 loads. After noon gave the bull another lesson. Carted 2 loads of turf and mixed it with dung under the barn.

Mary Foy walked here from our gate having ridden thus far from 'sconsett with her father; he came for her about 5 o'clock; she was here about 3 hours.

Capt Foy had been to the Burgess bro's farm and procured a pig. Read a little; wrote some
Played euchre with George. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

15 ft. Wind westerly and moderate. Weather smokey. Therm 56 ft.
Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in John's truck-wagon. Put our things in Sarah B. Wood's house. Did my errands — put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B's. Went to the Lodge room and did some copying. Played a few games of checkers with G. Frank Brown. Took tea at Sarah B's. While standing on the street a young man told me that he saw our cows near the bug light about 6 o'clock this evening. I started to go and look for them; but thought I would wait till after
851. meeting. Attended Lodge at 8 o'clock: After that harnessed the horse — went to Sarah B's — put our things into the wagon — and Lydia and I rode as far as the Asylum. Stopped the horse in the road, and walked to the pound. The cattle were not there, came on, looking as much as we could for the dark; but did not see any cattle till we were opposite the house whose last occupant was Wm H. Shaw. There we saw some cattle. I got out of the wagon and drove them toward home. Lydia drove the horse. I have'nt done any such rough travelling for I don't know when. It was very dark and the cattle went across the roads back and forth a great number of times; a great many more than there was any need of and I went stumbling after them; and every time that I did stumble the cattle would snort and run, and then I would have to hurry up; which would cause

May. more stumbling; and, so on until we got nearly to our gate, then we saw a light in our yard, which I hailed, and when I did so the cattle took to scampering and running toward the dyeleave swamp and I left them. when the light came near enough, we found that Tim and George had it, and were returning from Tolpis. On inquiring about our cows, they told me that they were in the barn.

Well I was mad. But I said nothing; because I thought I couldn't do the subject justice. Turned in soon after getting home.

Wednesday.

16th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 56°. Gave the bull a lesson. Tim brought the horse down where I was at work, and he and I furrowed out the ground for potatoes.

The boys had chained it out before.

Cut some potatoes for planting. The boys walked to town after 4 o'clock. Mrs Weick and her child and Freddie O'Fish called here: she had a cup of tea. Lydia wrote a note to Freddie's mother in regard to Sarah Morris's health, and he went home. Mrs Weick went soon after.

Cut potatoes in the evening. Turned in at 8¾ o'clock.

Thursday.

17th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant Therm 74° at noon.

Cut potatoes. The boys came home just before noon.

After noon: they planted the first potatoes. I cut potatoes till night. Then at 6 o'clock Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon - put the horse up - Went to the Lodge and served as W.S. of the Rebekah meeting. Had some nice music by Josiah Freeman on the violin, and Lucy Kenney on the piano. After meeting harnessed the horse and we came home where we arrived about midnight.

Friday.

18th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 70°.

Yesterday Charles Starbuck called here and said he and the girls would go to Wonsetta this forenoon; accordingly Tim walked to the captain's house this morning to ride with him and the girls to Wonsetta. Lydia, George and I

left here about 9½ o'clock and rode as far as C. C. Foy's where I got out of the wagon; they continued to Charlie Paddock's. Captain Foy gave me a wheel tire, to fix my harrow with. I carried it to Charlie's who will fit a piece of it for me.

Cruised around till noon then had a dinner of corned fish at Paddock's. Soon after noon, Charles, Etta and Ella and Jim came. Cruised around on the bank, and saw the boats go off and come ashore. Hot supper had fried codfish. In the evening Capt George Cash and wife and Mrs Baldwin came in and Mrs Cash and Paddock gave us some nice music and a considerable amount of singing was done. Mrs Alexander Paddock and Mrs George F. Coffin came in later. A little dancing was done.

Just before 9 o'clock Charles and the girls left for home. I got ready as soon as after as I could and we four started. A heavy cloud was hanging in the western horizon from which sharp, blinding lightnings were incessantly playing; and when we were nearly 2 miles from Sconset it began to rain with an increase of wind until it fairly howled; and the thunder roared and rolled as if just let loose from its source; and was announcing its joy at its deliverance forom a long pent up imprisonment. Stopid all this confusion and noise. we perciered the sharp, quick pattering of very small hailstones, which increased in size with surprizing celerity until they were an inch in diameter; they pelted the horse so unmercifully that he jumped out of the road which locked the wheels under the wagon and brought them to bear against the sides of the ruts, so that it was as immovable almost as the road we were on. I hauled the buffaloe robe up and told them to cover themselves with it; which they did; and it was a great protection to us; without which we should certainly have got somewhat bruised. When the hail ceased, the rain poured down in torrents; we started along. and soon discovered that the left thill was broken. I got out and taking the halter-rope and a strong nettle I fished it as well as I could in the darkness and rain.

May. after that we drove along towards home slowly and arrived here about 11 o'clock, with quite decent weather. We counted the panes of glass that were broken and found 6 in the west bedroom window; 15 in the west windows of the porch, and subsequently 12 were found broken in the west windows of the shop.

4615. Turned in soon after getting home.

Saturday.

19th. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm 64°.
Tim and George planted potatoes and I cut them.
Read a little and turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

20th. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm 62°. Went over to John's and got the newspapers - read some. Soon after noon Charles Starbuck and his daughters Etta and Ella came here. Near 4 o'clock Capt E.C. Joy, wife and Mary arrived; having come around by the way of Capt Starbuck's.
Had tea about 5 o'clock. In the evening the boys and girls sang some hymns, and we passed a pleasant time till about 9 o'clock at which time the company all went home.
Wrote a little and turned in. Lydia tried her new stove, today.

Monday.

21st. Wind S.E. Weather cloudy. Therm 59°; at noon, in the shade.
George and Tim planting potatoes. I cut potatoes till I thought I had enough to finish; then I swept the cellar floor, and brought the dirt up. Mended the front yard fence. The boys finished dropping and manureing the
180 loads. potatoes using 8 loads of manure from under the barn in addition to that which I carted and tipped down near the north lot fence sometime ago.
J.J. Paddock came over and staid till near 9 o'clock. We turned in soon

Tuesday.

22nd. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm.
Got ready and the boys went over to John's and got his wagon and brought it here. I went to town in it with our horse. Put the things into Sarah B. Wood's house took the wagon to George B. Paddock's shop for

him to put a thill to it, in the place of the one that was broken the night of the hail squall. Led the horse to Charles G. Coffin's shed and tied him. Did my errands — bought of Henry Paddock 32 lights of glass, of different sizes. Disposed of 4 lbs butter, having carried 7½ to town. 2 dozen of eggs were sold at 20 cts pr doz. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. After noon tried to sell some more of the butter. Went and got the wagon after it was fixed, then drove around and gathered the things that I had bought, and carried them to Sarah B.'s. Put the horse up. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called on bro Charles F. Gardner.

8531. Attended Lodge at 8 o'clock. After meeting went with Henry Paddock to his shop and he gave me a large piece of putty. Went to Sarah B.'s; from there and harnessed the horse — returned, and put my things in the wagon and came home. It began to drizzle and rain about the time that I got to the bug-light and by the time I had arrived here it rained quite sharp. Took the things

4616. out of the wagon and put the horse up. Turned in. 11¼ o'clock.

Wednesday.

23d. *Wind easterly. Weather pleasant Therm 52°.*

Tim and George covered the potatoes with the doublemold board plough; them smoothed them with a cultivator attached to the horse. After noon they walked to town. Set glass. 6 lights in the bedroom window; and 14 lights in the west windows of the kitchen. After doing the chores I read a little. Turned in 8 o'clock.

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Thursday.

24th. *Wind easterly and strong. Weather rainy. Therm 44°.*

Set 12 lights of glass in the west windows of the shop. Put the cattle in the barn at noon, because of the rain. About 1 o'clock George W. Backus came here with a horse and truck-wagon, for the purpose of giving Lydia a ride to town, she went with him. He brought a load from town, before noon, for F. C. Gardner.

After doing the chores, near 6 o'clock, eve, I harnessed the horse to the cart and rode to sconsett in the rain. Put up at Charlie Paddock's. Mrs Mary Eliza Coffin was there and staid till 10 o'clock.

Turned in soon after; on the sofa.

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May. 25th.

Friday.

Wind N.W. and changed to the eastward. Weather squally. Therm. 52.

After breakfast Paddock fixed the piece of iron for my harrow and a couple of gudgeons; he also gave me quahaug-rake.

I soon after started for Pesacacha and went by the way of the lighthouse; arrived there and took my ladder and Capt C. Starbuck's hammock, and came as far as his house and left it. Went E.C. Morris's and inquired of Lydia B. what news had been recieved from her mother? She told me that a letter was brought to her this morning which informed her that she was gradually failing; and that Sarah, herself. thought that she should never recover; and she had made arrangements to that end. Came from there home; where I arrived just after 10 o'clock morn, and before the rain came. Made a fire in the stove and did the chores. Wm and George came home shortly after the rain; having stopped into Elmer S. Fish's while it continued. They had walked from town. I worked in the shop putting the dragiron on the harrow, and a handle to the quahaug-rake. After noon I carried a calf to the Burgess brothers' farm; soon after I got home Charles Starbuck brought Lydia home.

The boys went to Capt Starbuck's while I was away. Gually. Made a new stanchion for the old sparked cow. J.F. Backus came
4618. over here about dark, and staid till 8 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Saturday.

26th. Wind easterly. Weather squally and cloudy. Therm 52d.

Wm and I sowed down the pieces on the north and east sides of the potatoe piece in the north lot. Wm did the harrowing, and I put the seed on. After noon we harrowed on the island in the meadow where I intend planting pop-corn.

While we were there brother Weick came and paid me 2:50 cts for some potatoes that he had of me sometime ago.

Wm worked the horse and I worked the bull.

After tea George and I went to Quaise point, quahauging, and got a peck basket full, and we got home about moonrise, and just before a rainsqueall. Turned in before 9 o'clock

Sunday.

27th Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm 52°. Soon after breakfast went over to John's and got the newspapers - came home and read some. Laid round most of the day reading - had a fire in the parlor. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Monday.

28th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 54°. Wm harrowed on the cornland with the horse and I harrowed there with the bull till about 11 o'clock; then we chained out the bean land. After noon we harrowed on the cornland a couple of hours then holed out some for treebeans.

George and I played checkers some after tea. J.J. Paskus called here about lamplight, and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Tuesday.

29th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Borrowed John's wagon, and Lydia and I rode to town. Put the horse up. Did some of my errands. Sold some of the butter. Took my meals at Sarah B. Wood's. After noon did the remainder of my errands. Received a letter from Marietta Jones sister of George D. of Brockton.

Called on Albert Easton at his house, by his request and rec'd of him $7 on account. Called on Charlie Paddock and while 853. there Andrew Colesworthy came in. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s - harnessed the horse - and Lydia, Sarah Paskus and I rode out together. Left a bag of flour for Abner S. Fish at his pump near the road. Sarah got out in our yard and went home. Drove to our house - put the horse up - took the things out of the wagon - eat something. 4619. Turned in just before midnight.

Wednesday.

30th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 62°.

Wm with the horse and I. with the bull harrowed the cornland; after which Wm and George chained it out 3½ feet apart each way. While we were at dinner Constable Frederick H. Easton came here and notified me to appear as a Grand Juror. I shelled the corn for planting and put it in soak.

Moses Fay brought Mary Upton and Mary F. Whipple and

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May. Mrs Hattie King here, and they staid sometime. While they were here Tim and George started for town on foot. Wrote some. John came over here after tea and staid till near 9 o'clock. Turned in then.

Thursday.

31st. Wind westerly. Weather cloudy. Therm 62° in the morning.

Began to hoe out for corn; Lydia called me to the house soon after I went to work; because Charles Starbuck came here to give her a ride to town. Saw them under-way; then went back to work. At lowtide, near noon, dug a few quahaugs. Tim and George came from town while I was at dinner. They had some, then we finished hoeing out for corn. G.G. Backus came over and staid till near 9 o'clock. Read some. Turned in 10 o'clock

Friday.

June. 1st. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 66° at 7 o'clock, eve'; Tim and George helped me plant corn: used up all the corn that was soaked, by noon. Dug more than a peck of quahaugs. George and I got to the house by 1 o'clock. eve. Had dinner. Lydia came home while we were eating. Harrowed the land for popcorn diagonally and chained it out. Tim carted a couple of loads of stones to fix the road near the meadow while George and I was chaining out.

After tea shelled some corn and put it in soak.

Read some. Turned in about 9 o clock

Saturday.

4620. 2d. 2 1/2d. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant Therm 68°.

Planted the greatest part of the piece of land with popcorn. Did not finish it: because there was not corn enough soaked. Planted some treebeans next the north fence. planted some yellow eyed beans. and some holes were made for. sweet corn, squashes, cucumber seed and tobacco. Some of the potatoes are up. At lowtide went quahauging and dug a peck. The boys helped me plant.

After noon. I put the manure in those holes and picked up a load of pavingstones and carted them to

the manure pen. Tim walked to Polpis and came back, at night. I played checkers in the evening with George.
4620. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Sunday.

3d. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 72° at 10 o'clock, morn'. Went over to John's and got my newspaper. Came back and read some. About noon got ready, and I walked over to John's - harnessed our horse to his wagon and rode in it to Charles Starbuck's. Capt C.C. Joy, wife and daughter came there shortly after. I whet Charles' razor. Spent a pleasant time till 5 o'clock at which time we had supper. In the evening we men sat in the kitchen and told yarns. The women were in the parlor, talking. In the course of the evening Etta and Ella sung some nice hymns. About 9 o'clock the company all left and
4621. we arrived shortly after 10 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Monday.

4th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant Therm 70°.
Got ready, and eat breakfast; then walked to town, carrying a small basket of victuals. Went to Sarah B. Woods. Mailed three letters to Brockton, for George.
When the bell rang for court; went to the Court House and was sworn as a Grand Juror. A recess was ordered untill the bell should be again rung.
Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Walked around down street some. Heard Henry Paddock was sick.
About 4 o'clock the bell rang and I went to the Court House and retired to the jury room with the other Grand Jurors at 7 o'clock the court adjourned and we were bid to appear at 9 o'clock next morning. Went to Sarah B.'s and took tea, alone. Attended Masonic Lodge at 1/2 8 o'clock. initiation. Went to Sarah B.'s.. Read some, in "the Liberal Freemason". Turned in soon after 11.

Tuesday.

5th. Wind westerly, weather pleasant. Therm. After breakfast, Did some errands. At 8 3/4 o'clock went to the jury room

June. at the Courthouse. When the Court was opened we entered and did our business and were discharged untill next October court. I sat there till about 10 o'clock morn', then went to Sarah B.'s. Lydia and Jim were there having ridden from home and just arrived.
Carried the butter round to the customers. 8 pounds were carried to town. Did my errands. Took tea at
652. Sarah B.'s. Attended Lodge in the evening.
Went to Sarah B.'s after I had bought a stick of herring. Harnessed the horse and put the things in the wagon and Lydia and I rode home, where we arrived about 11 o'clock. We met and talked with the Starbuck girls and Billy Warcross in our front yard north of the bridge. Turned in soon after getting home.

Wednesday.

6th. Wind south, westerly. Weather cloudy. Therm. 71°. at 12 o'clock.
Set some glass in the milkroom window. Made a tether for the bull and put it on him and tied him out to grass als tethered the horse to grass for the first time. George leveled the manure under
16 loads. the barn; Jim carted 2 loads of turf and covered it. Let the calves that I am going to raise, out of the barn for the first time. The boys walked to town in the afternoon. I set some glass in the window of the shop. Some cucumber and tobacco seeds were planted by the boys before noon. Went over to John's and procured some squash seeds. Jim and George finished planting corn last Monday, they also pitched the hay up onto the scaffold in the barn. Read some. Turned in at 8 o'clock

Thursday.

7th. Wind S.E. Weather foggy. Therm 68°, at 8 o'clock morn'.
Planted a few hills of squash seeds. Paved some in the manurepen east of the barn Soon after 10 o'clock it began to thunder, rain and lighten. Quite a sharp rain.
18 loads. After noon carted 2 loads of turf and spread under the barn. Went grubhanging and claming and got a nice parcel.

While I was away Jim and George came home. Had tea about 4½ o'clock, and the boys started to walk to C. Starbuck's.
J. J. Bakers came over about dark and staid till near 9 o'clock.
4623. Turned in soon after. The boys came home about 10½ o'clock, eve;.

Friday.

8th. Wind westerly. Weather foggy at morning & Night. Therm 70°.
I pased in the manurepen most of the day. Jim and
21 loads. George carted 3 loads of turf and spread it in the manure pen. After noon they hoed the treebeans. John's pig got out of his pen and came over here, & called John, then followed the pig until John came over and we drove the pig up, and John caught him on the stonewall near the pond. he built the pen higher and put the pig in again. G. W. Bakers and Jimmie Garrett helped about driving up the pig and catching him. I came back home and fixed a whiplash by braiding some whalesinew on the end of it. After tea Jim and George walked to C. Starbuck's. John was over in the evening.
Turned in about 9 o'clock. The boys came home at 1¼ o'clock.

Saturday.

9th. Wind westerly. Weather foggy, the clear, then foggy. Therm about 70°.
Chored around some. About 10 o'clock. morning. Charles C. Snow, wife and daughter, Mrs Mary Platt, Anna Louisa Lewis and child came here; they said more people were coming. Hattie M. Fish came and told me that Edward S. Bunker and others were coming here
About noon they arrived. E. S. Bunker, wife and wife's brother, "William Egan," John Westgate and wife, Sue Folger, Hepsey Bunker and Mary Hanna Swain came here having been to Siasconsett and Pancoty. Near noon we had a nice mess of clam chowder: and enjoied ourselves hugely at the table; after which they had some croquet and amused themselves generally. Had a rainsquall. About 5 o'clock while they were preparing to go the horse attached to the carriage in which Sue Folger was, began to back; Sue was scared and in jumping out fell. I ran and lifted her up.

June. She did not appear to be hurt and shortly when the horse became quiet, got back into the carriage and rode away to town.

Lydia walked over to John's and rode to town with him.

George and Tim left here for town, on foot while I was milking. After doing the chores I walked to the "shanty" in Wolfis; and played checkers with Charlie Folger till near 10 o'clock, then lighted my lantern and started for home. Foggy. After getting into Quaise lot I wandered from the path; and when near this side I heard a carriage. I hailed, and John answered. I went where he was and walked side of the carriage to his house helped Lydia out of the wagon and we walked home together. Read a little and turned in.

Sunday.

4638.

10th. Wind S.W. Weather foggy. Therm 70°. Gathered the two calves in the front lot. Helped Lydia churn. Went over to John's and borrowed a newspaper. Read some. Had a nap. Wrote some. J. J. Backus was over and staid till 9 o'clock. Turned in.

Monday.

11th. Wind easterly. Weather rainy. Therm 52°, at 11 o'clock, morn.

Mrs Weick came here and had the service of my horse to his mare. George B. Starbuck came and brought some clothes to be washed. The rain held up. The old sparked cow calved in the west lot. Tethered the two calves in the front lot. Harrowed on the potatoes with the bull until the rain drove me off. Put the bull in the barn.

Came into the house and changed my trowsers; because they were wet. Wrote some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

12th. Wind westerly. Weather foggy, clear and rainy Therm.

Borrowed John's wagon and made preparations to go to town. About 7 o'clock Tim and George walked here from town, saying that the same company that were here last Saturday were coming today, and wanted some clams dug.

We went to the shore and dug about 5 pecks and brought part of them to the house. Soon after that I started for town and met the company in a spanktem wagon coming

up the hill by the pond in our yard. Put my things into Sarah B. Wood's house, and carried the wagon to the blacksmith's and had the forward apletree mended; it was broken off in the middle. Carried the butter round by hand. Bought my groceries.

Took my dinner with Sarah B. and Katie. Near 4 o'clock eve. went and got the wagon. Put the horse under Charles S.'s shed.

Eat supper at Sarah B.'s. Carried some butter to Henry Paddock's he is much better. Called over to bro Charles W. Gardner's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s. Raining. Lydia came to town before dark with the squantumers, and I saw her at that time. She was at Sarah B.'s when I went there from the Lodge. We turned in about 10 o'clock.

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Wednesday.

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13th. Wind S.W. Weather rainy. Bought some bread and cheese for breakfast, and eat at Sarah B.'s. Went down street. The rain held up - harnessed the horse - put the things in the wagon and waited for Lydia; when she came we started home. Before we arrived it began to rain. Carried the wagon home after we got here. Raining. Carried John's wheelbarrow home. The grass has grown very heavy; in some places it is lodged. George walked to town yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

By 2 o'clock eve the weather cleared. I went and harrowed the potatoes and a little of the popcorn. Jim walked to town. About 4½ o'clock Abner G. Fish brought a pig here that I had engaged sometime ago. The pig is 7 weeks old tomorrow.

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Read and wrote some. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Thursday.

14th. Wind westerly. Weather foggy. Therm. 70°.

Piped the pen north of the shop and put the pig into it. Began to make a pigstrough. John came up and asked me to help him strike out a piece of ground in the point lot. We went down there and after I had helped him I went from there onto the end of the point gunhanging - got more than a peck. and brought them home on my shoulder.

Finished the hogstrough. Chored around some. John was over in the evening. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Friday.

16th. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm 70°.

Harrowed all the corn. Tim and George walked home before noon. After noon Tim carted 3 loads of turf and put it in the hogspen and one under the barn 25 loads.

I mowed a piece where we shall dig peat, and opened the ditch between the peatbole and the pond and chored around. George helped Lydia set up the things in the parlor. Read a little. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

16th. Wind S.W. Weather rainy. Therm 64°.

Staid in the house and read most of the day. Had a nap in the afternoon. Tim put the cattle up and I did the milking. J.G. Backus was over in the evening and went away at 9 o'clock. Read till 10 then turned in. Went gunhanging about noon and got a perch. Rainy.

Sunday.

17th. Wind northerly. Weather beautiful and pleasant. Therm 74° at 8 a.m.

Tim and George started for town about 8 o'clock morn.

A young man brought a note to Lydia from Martha W. Fish informing her that Mary A. Waterman is very sick since Friday and had had two doctors.

Mattie A. Fish came here and told us that Tim and George were waiting at Asa Fish's; and had sent her here to learn whether Lydia wanted them to come back and stay while she went to town. Lydia told her to tell them to go on. Mattie went back.

About noon Lydia walked down to Palmer's for the purpose of riding to town with Mrs Burgess, if she could not get a passage before Mrs B. was ready to go. I offered to carry her to town; but she did not wish it. Read some and wrote a little. Turned in about 10 o'clock.

Monday.

18th. Wind southerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 70°.

Charles Peabody came and brought some clothes, and I stropped his razor for him, and then he left the

26 loads. Turfed off some for peating and carted a load of turf into the manure pen. George and Dim walked from town George C. Gardner shearing. After noon George and D cultivated some of the corn; and Dim hoed beans. Did John's chores for him. Came home and did mine. Read some and wrote a little. Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

19th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm about 70°.

Got ready and rode to town with Lydia in John's wagon and our horse. Took our things out at Sarah B. Wood's. Drove down to the blacksmith's and left the wagon to be fixed. Put the horse under captain Jo. Mc. Cleave's shed. Delivered the butter, 6 lbs. Took my meals at Sarah B's. Did my errands.

About 5 o'clock eve went and took the wagon and brought my groceries to the house. Put the wagon in the yard of Charles G. Coffin, and the horse under the 855. shed. Had late tea. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went from there to Sarah B's. Got ready and 4625. Lydia and came home.-arrived at 11¼ o'clock eve. Turned in.

Wednesday.

20th. Wind variable. Weather pleasant. Therm' 72 at 5 o'clock eve.

Dim turfed off for peating. Went to Ch. G. Fish's and he lent me his horse. I bought some herring of him. Came home and George and I cultivated the corn and the potatoes. Rode the horse home. Abner and Stephen Gibbs were shearing. George walked to town.

I came home and eat supper and did the chores.

G. F. Parkus came over here about sundown. He went home at 9 o'clock, precisely. Turned in soon after he went.

Thursday.

21st. Wind S.W. Weather pleasant. Therm 69° about noon.

Hoed potatoes. George helped me after he came from town. Dim deepened the ditches in the front lot, then helped on the potatoes. Finished the potatoes in the after noon. About 4 o'clock Lydia and I started for town.

June. in John's truck wagon. and when we had ridden as far as the pines; Abner B. Fish came along with his team; then Lydia got into his wagon and rode to town.

After getting in town — put the horse up, and carried the things into Sarah B. Wood's house. Went over to Charlie Paddock's and took tea with them.

Attended R. D. Lodge in the evening; acted as W. S. in the initiation of Mrs Perry W. Bates. After lodge went to Sarah B's, and made preparations and Lydia and D came home where we arrived at 12½ o'clock, morn! Turned in soon after.

Friday.

22d. Wind N.W. Weather pleasant. Rain early in the morning. Therm, 70°.

Worked at deepening the ditches. Dim and George helped Lydia about housecleaning. After noon chored round', didn't do much anyway. Dim did the chores at night. J. G. Baskes was here after and staid till about 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he went.

Saturday.

23d. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 66° in the morning

Chored around some and worked in the shop. Dm carting Dim broke the after shuttock of the cart and D mended it.

32 loads. We carted 7½ loads of turf to the manure pen.

Dim helped me mend the hogspen. After that he walked to town with George. Read some — did the chores — Turned in.

Sunday.

24th. Got ready and borrowed John's wagon and after dinner Lydia and D rode to E. C. Harris's and saw Sarah his wife; they returned from Westerly R. I. last Thursday; where Sarah had been very sick — She is quite miserable yet; she lays on the lounge all the time except at meals; then Edward sets her up to the table.

Edward and D went to the late residence of Henry Swain. Edward being one of the Coroner's jury. Stopped there sometime and saw the examination of the body of Henry by Dr Marsh — and heard the opinion of the Dr and the persons collected there — which

that it was a case of suicide. Walked back to Edward's had tea there. Went to the shanty and staid near an hour: went to Edward's - harnessed the horse and Lydia and
4626. I came home where we arrived near 10 o'clock. Turned in.

Monday.

25th Hoed all the beans. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock

Tuesday.

26th. Turned out by 4½ o'clock morn. Made preparations and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon with our horse: put our things into C. B. Wood's house.

Walked down street after putting the horse up, and about 9 o'clock saw the Knights Templar march through the streets; there was about 80 in the ranks; accompanied by the New Bedford band of near 25 pieces.

½ after noon delivered the butter and did my errands. Near 5 o'clock called over to Paddock's. ~~and the and I went to~~ from there went to Sarah B.'s and waited on my wife and Mrs D. W. Burgess to the reception given
857. by the Commandery to the citizens. Attended Lodge. after which went to Atlantic Hall and listened to the music, and watched the dancers until near midnight; then waited on Mrs Burgess home. Raining heavy.

Went back and Lydia and I walked to Sarah B.'s Raining.

Turned in at Sarah B.'s. Raining and thundering.

Wednesday.

27th It has rained most of the night. Turned out early and came home. - did the chores and had breakfast Rainy when we were coming home and sometime after.

Edward night got ready and Lydia and walked over to John's and rode to town with him. Walked from C. K. Backus's to Sarah B.'s - left Lydia there and started for Charlie Paddock's to escort his wife to the concert given by the Knights - met her on Center St going with Ben Wyer and wife - went back for Lydia - met her on Fair St, and we went to the Athenæum together. Had some nice music and an enjoyable time. for which see programme.

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June. Went to Sarah B.'s where Lydia changed her clothes – then walked down to George H. Backus's and rode home with John. Came from there to our house and turned in midnight.

Thursday.

28th. Chored around most of the day. After noon George and Sim came home. Read some. John was over. Turned in.

Friday.

29th. Sim deepened the ditch in the front lot. George and I cultivated the popcorn and some of the other corn. After noon George and Sim cultivated corn. Turned in about 9.

Saturday.

30th. George walked to town yesterday afternoon. Sim and I cultivated the remainder of the corn and the potatoes. After noon we hoed the popcorn. Sim walked to town. Read some and turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Sunday.

Wind westerly. A thunder squall before noon. Clear after noon. Read, wrote and laid round most of the day.

Had tea about 4 o'clock then Lydia walked down to Abner T. Fish's. She returned about dark. I read some. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Monday.

2d. Wind Westerly and strong. Weather pleasant Therm. Mr Wicks brought his mare here and had the service of "Charlie". C. Starbuck came here and I whet his razor. Hoed potatoes till noon. Sim came from town about 11 o'clock, morn'. After noon Sim and I finished hoeing the potatoes. After tea Mattie Fish and Winnie Ellis came here and brought some cooked bluefish. G. G. Backus was over and staid about an hour in the evening. Turned in at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

3d. Got ready and Lydia and I went to town, with our horse and our wagon. Left our things at Sarah B. Wood's Put the horse up. Did my errands. Delivered the butter. Called at the paint shop of Paddock & Co. and other places After tea went over to Charlie B. Paddock's; he has taken

down the chimney of the house where he lives, and had a smaller one put up. today they got it just out of the roof.

8558. Called on bro' Charles B. Gardner. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s and Lydia and I started for home with the team; stopped at G. St. Backus's to learn if John's wife was there; she had walked home in the after-noon. We arrived home about 11 o'clock. Turned in.

Wednesday.

4th 4 M. Weather rainy. Mended Charlie's halter. Fixed the trail of a basket that I bought yesterday. Read some — 4628. wrote a little. Turned in about 8½ o'clock. Dis John's chores

Thursday.

5th 5 M. Wind easterly — westerly — all round — Weather pleasant. Began to mow on the east side of the north lot. Took it easy; did not more than an acre and a half; but about that amount. Tim planted treebeans among the potatoes; he did the chores at night. Read some. Turned in about 8½ o'clock, eve;

Friday.

6th M. Wind variable. Weather rainy in the morning. Therm 68°. On the evening of the 4th I broke the feather spring to my gun lock. Today I took the one out of an old Tower musket (english) that once belonged to my grandfather and put it into mine. It just fitted. Tim and I mowed some 4 swaths across the 4 acre piece from east to west, in the north lot. The rain came and we quitted. Had a nap after dinner. The weather cleared and the boys helped me plant some yellow eyed beans among the potatoes. John came over and staid about an hour. Turned in 8 3/4.

Saturday

7th M. Wind easterly. Weather driggly. Therm, 68°, morn. Clear after noon. About 10½ o'clock morn. Tim and I went and mowed on the 4 acre piece. George hoed corn. After noon finished mowing that piece, and mowed a road through the oats Tim helped George hoe and I borrowed John's sulkey rake and raked the hay. the boys cocked it. Carried the rake home.

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July. After tea did John's chores. Tim did ours. Played euchre with the boys till 11 o'clock, then turned in.

Sunday.

8th. Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Therm 75° at 11 o'clock, morn'. Went over to John's and borrowed his newspaper. Came back, and read it. After noon Lydia and I walked over to John's taking our horse with us. Harnessed him to John's wagon and she and I rode to C.C. Morris's. Lydia went in and saw Sarah; and I talked with Ned out of doors. Went from there to Charles Starbuck's. Soon after we got there Capt C.C. Coy came with his wife, daughter and granddaughter "Stonie". His wife and daughter accompanied by Ella Starbuck then went and called on Sarah Morris. they were back in about an hour. Spent the time pleasantly in reading, talking, and in the evening Etta and Ella sung some hymns.

4629. Left there about 9¾ o'clock and rode home. Turned in.

Monday.

9th. Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Therm, 76° at noon.

Tim and I mowed some of the light grass in the front lot. After noon mowed all the light grass in the front lot that I thought it would pay to mow. Tim and George raked and cocked all the hay there. I mowed 3 swaths of very heavy grass on the north side of the acre piece front of the house; in the front lot. They put it up in bunches. After tea got ready and went over to John's, and helped him harness. He drove over here and took in a calf and I rode with him; when we got to the Burgess bros' farm we left the calf there; and we continued on to town.

Attended Isle of the Sea Lodge; The Past Master's, and Most Excellent were confered on Charles H. Swain.

After meeting walked to S.C.B Backus's, and rode home with John. Walked over here and turned in about midnight

Tuesday.

10th. Wind westerly. Weather cloudy. Therm 74°.

Soon as breakfast got ready and borrowed John's wagon and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house – she was not at home. Delivered most of the butter. Had "Charlie" shod. Did my errands. Took my meals at Sarah B.'s. Played checkers with John Beebe and John Frank Brown and got awfully beat. Sold a dozen eggs for 24 cts.

Called over to Charlie Paddock's and he and I went to
859. the Lodge together. After Lodge went to Sarah B.'s, and got ready and Lydia and I rode home where we arrived near midnight. Tim and George had not gone to bed; they having been to Charles Starbuck's through the evening. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

11th. Wind westerly. Weather rainy, foggy, and drizzly. Therm 74° at noon.

Put 5 new teeth into the dragrake. The boys and I hauled up some canada thistles near the barn to the S.E. and eastward of it, and poured pickle in the places whence we pulled them. Rainy. Wrote some.

After noon we finished pulling and salting the thistles Went over to John's and read his newspapers. Came back. Turned in soon after 9 o'clock, eve:

Thursday.

12th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant Thermometer.

Tim and George cultivated the corn one way and part of it the other way. I mowed some on the acre piece in the front lot and opened all the hay in the north and front lots.

After noon we carted the hay from the north
3 loads. lot 2 loads; also one from the front lot.

Bunched the hay on the acre piece. George and Lydia rode to town with J. J. Backus about 5½ o clock evening. I went over to John's and took a couple of newspapers. Turned in at 9½ o'clock. Lydia & George came home at, M.N.

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Friday

18th. Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Therm: 68°; at 6 o'clock eve:
Sim and I mowed the remainder of the acre piece in the front lot. George mixed some sods with the manure under the barn, and then helped us bunch the hay that we mowed today. After tea he walked to town. Last Tuesday I saw Charles G. Macy in town; also his wife. They came from New York last Friday. George returned about 8 o clock.

J. J. Backus came over here and staid till near 9 o' clock.

4639. Turned in about 9 o' clock. Had one of my spells and turned out; turned in again about 10 o' clock.

Saturday

14th. Wind easterly. Weather various. Therm 65°; at 5¼ o'clock, eve.
Sim and I mowed a few swaths in the south meadow. Had a thunder storm which stopped us.
Ground a carving knife that I found sometime ago; also a couple of pocket knives.
After noon Sim and I finished mowing the south meadow. Played euchre with the boys until 9½ o clock, then turned in.

Sunday.

15th. Wind N.W. Weather pleasant. Therm. 73° at 10 o'clock. morn.
Went over to John's and borrowed his newspaper - came home and read it; Copied some death and marriages from it into my geneological record.
George and Sim turned the bunches of hay on the acre piece in front of the house.
After noon, borrowed John's wagon and harness and Lydia and I rode to E. C. Morris's; and Lydia went in and saw Sarah; she is very weak and gradually failing. Went from there and stopped at Charles Starbuck's on an errand; Charles and the girls had gone to 'Scontett. We continued on and went to Capt E. C. Jay's; Capt Starbuck and the girls were there. Had a pleasant time, and something nice for supper. Got 8½ o'clock,

we began to muster to come home; we left soon after
4680. and arrived home about 10½ o'clock eve. Turned in.

Monday.

16th. Wind westerly. Weather sunshine, cloudy and thunder and rain.
Therm 71°. Thos Weick came here with his mare.
C. Starbuck came and brought some clothes.
Sim and I mowed in the north meadow most of the day. George helped Lydia and hoed treebeans.
J. F. Packer was over in the evening, and staid till 9 o'clock. I played ashore with the boys. Turned in at 9½ o'clock.

Tuesday.

17th. Wind S.W. Weather foggy. Therm 70°. Thunder after noon.
Lydia and I got ready and went to town in John's wagon. Delivered the butter — put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house. — put the horse up — did a few of my errands — took my meals at Sarah B.'s.
Bought some lumber to make a driving platform for the barn and had it carried to Charles G. Coffin's yard.
Bought an old door and carried that there.
Took tea at Sarah B.'s alone. Called over to Charlie Paddock's; also at Charles P. Gardner's who is sick abed.
8 bells. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went to Sarah B.'s.
and made preparations and Lydia and I came
foggy. home where we arrived about midnight. Turned in.
Received while in town a letter from William also one from Elizabeth; the latter enclosing one from her son Wm. who is in Idaho.

Wednesday.

18th. Wind westerly. Weather foggy in the morning cleared by 9 o'clock
Therm 82° at noon in the shade. Turned all the bunches of hay in the front lot. Then Sim and I mowed in the north meadow till noon. George turned some of the swarths there. After noon Sim and George put up the hay that was open today.
John brought the lumber from town that I bought yesterday and I made a drive-in platform of it. Worked some on the old door that

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July. I bought yesterday. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

19 ℔ Wind S.W. and strong. Weather pleasant. Therm

Tim and George opened the hay in front of the house. I worked on the door; making it into a shade-door for the buttrey. Tim and I mowed some in the north meadow.

5 loads. After noon carted in the hay from the acre

8 loads. piece in the front lot. Worked on the door till night. George rode to town with John. Lydia undertook to and when the wagon was in front of our gate, she got out and walked to the house. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

George came home shortly after 10 o'clock.

Friday.

20 ℔. Wind S.W. Weather squally all day. Therm.

Fitted the door all but putting the screening on. Fixed a basket that I bought sometime ago; with a wire bail; and mended one that Wm H. Caswell gave me when he was aboard of the South Shoal light ship. Tim picked some blueberries; he walked to Calpis about 4 o'clock. G.F. Backus came over since tea and staid till 9 o'clock. I played cards with George. Tim returned

*681. about dark. All hands turned in a little after 9.

Saturday.

21 ℔ Wind S.W. Weather rainy. Therm. 74° at noon.

Laid round most of the day, reading, writing &c. Toward night rode to town with G.F. Backus and wife. Rainy. Bought some, tacks, brads and screen-cloth. Rec'd some nails that I purchased last Tuesday. Called on Sarah H. Wood. Katie is sick.

Walked down to G. F. Backus's and waited for John;

Raining heavy. he and Morey Lewis came together, and we all rode home Morey stopped at the Burgess brother's farm, where he lives. Arrived home about 10¾ o'clock. Turned in soon.

Sunday.

23rd. Wind S.W. Heavy rain before noon. Therm 80° at noon. George began to learn to milk. Put the screen-cloth on the door, and put the door up at the entrance of the buttry. Read some. About noon Lydia, Sim and George went over to John's for the purpose of riding to Malpis with him. About 3 o'clock, eve. Capt Edward C. Foy, wife, daughter Mary, granddaughter and Emma Cartwright came here from Oconsetto. Had a pleasant time till about 5 o'clock then had tea. Abt 6 Lydia returned with John. The boys stopped at C.C. Morris's (where Lydia had been) and picked some cherries and they brought them home. They had been to Quidnit, Issacacha, Pancake head and Oconsett with John.

Our friends left here for home about 9 o'clock.

4639. We that remained turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

23rd. Wind westerly. Weather various. Therm. Mowed some of the oats Sim helped me. Then he and George opened the hay on the south meadow; also some on the north meadow. After noon we carted in the hay from the south meadow 2 loads. Left one on the cart. 11 loads. Thereafter finished mowing the oats, and the boys cocked the hay on the north meadow. Played checkers with George. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

24th. Wind from west to S.E. and back. Weather real fine. Got ready and Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon. Sold all the butter at 26 cts pr lb. 15 lbs. Put the horse up. Took my meals at Sarah B's. Did my errands. Sold my eggs at 24 cts pr doz. 4 dozen. On the road to town we left 5 fowls at the Burgess bro's farm; weighing 24 lbs. at 14 cts pr lb. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Attended Lodge in the evening. Went over to Paddock's and recieved of Charles G Macy $3.6 as rent for Mrs. H B Caswell's house. Called at the house of

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John Wendall Macy; where the Daughters of Rebekah were congregated and spent a pleasant half hour with them then waited on my wife to Sarah B.'s — harnessed the horse — put the things in, and Lydia and I rode as far as the dwelling of George W. Backus on Ash street; where John L. Backus's wife got into the wagon, and rode into our yard with us — from there she went home, and we came to the house. After tying the horse out in the lot went into the house and eat something. Turned in. 12 o'clock.

Wednesday.

25th. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm 80° at 5, eve'.

I mowed some in the north meadow trying a new scythe, it is a good one. Wm and George drove the load of hay out of the barn (the one that was left on the cart there Monday) and spread it in the front lot — then they went and opened the hay on the north meadow, and turned some of it.

We carted in 2 loads from there before noon.

After noon I turned the hay in the front lot.

17 loads. We carted in the remainder from the North meadow, 5 loads and the one from the front lot, that was spread this morning.

After tea George bid us all good bye and rode to town with J. L. Backus; he intends going home tomorrow.

Read some and turned in about 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

26th. Wm and I mowed some in the north meadow. Charles Starbuck called here for Lydia and she rode to town with him, to assist at the sale and entertainment to be given by the Daughters of Rebekah at Wendell's Hall.

After noon Wm and I raked and cocked the oat fodder; there is an acre of it, in the S.E. corner of the north lot. After tea got ready and rode to town in John's wagon and our horse. Put the horse up, and the things into Sarah B.'s

Went to Wendall's Hall and staid a few minutes. Then went to the Lodge room and attended the regular session of the Encampment; after the closing of the camp, I went back to the Hall and staid till near 11 o'clock, eve, at which time Lydia, Katie Wood and I walked to Sarah P's. — harnessed the horse and we came home where we arrived about midnight. Turned in soon after getting home

Friday.

29th. Wind easterly. Weather foggy all day.

Tim and I mowed in the meadow, before noon.

After noon we bunched all the that lay in the swarth that was mowed previous to today.

Mowed till we were called to tea.

After tea went over to John's and was reading there when John came and called me to help get one of his cattle out of a ditch; I went with him to the west marsh and we put a rope around the creature's horns and pried under with two rails and get her out. Came back and did my chores. John came over here and
4638. staid about an hour. I read some. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

28th. Wind S.E. Rainy in the morning; foggy the rest of the day. Cut up some canada thistles around the barn. Chored round in the shop. Read some.

Tim and I went berrying; and picked a few huckle, black, goose and rasberries. Tim rode to town with John. I drove up John's cattle and put them
4634. up. Did my chores. Read a little. Turned in 9½ o'clock.

After noon I helped John unload some oatfodder.

Sunday.

29th. Wind easterly. Weather foggy. Therm 78° at noon.

Went over to John's and got his newspaper. Read some.

Amused myself a little in the shop.

Doubled the cocks of hay in the north meadow.

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July. E.J. Backus was over in the evening and went home before 9 o'clock. I turned in soon after he went.

Monday.

30th. Wind easterly. Weather foggy and rainy. Therm 77° at 8 A.M. Mowed in the north meadow until the rain drove me out. Amused myself in the shop making a bucket out of a large paint keg that Henry Paddock gave me. Chored around some. Mowed some in the north meadow, after noon. John was over in the eve. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

31st. Wind easterly. Weather, foggy, rainy and sunshiney. Lydia and I went to town in John's truck wagon. Left our things at Sarah B. Wood's. Drove the wagon down to the blacksmith's to be fixed. Paid some bills for Wm. H. Caswell with the money that I received of Charles G. Macy last Tuesday. Mailed the receipts and a money order of $13.87 to to William. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Carried my butter to the customers by hand. Bought some groceries. Brought the wagon up to the shed about 4 o'clock. Called over to Paddock's and he and I went to Lodge together. Afterwards went to Sarah B.'s and Lydia rode home with me Heavy fog. Turned in soon after getting home.

Wednesday.

August 1st. Wind easterly. Weather foggy. Therm 64°. Turned in the north meadow about half of an acre of swarths. Samuel C. Holden, wife and little girl came from town and took dinner with us; they reside in East Providence. They went from here to E.C. Harris's. After noon bunched the swarths and doubled the cocks in the north meadow. Went blackberrying on the N.W. corner of the north lot and picked about 3 pints. ~~E.J. Backus was over here in the~~ eve. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Thursday.

2d. Wind easterly. Weather cloudy part of the day. Therm 62°.
Turned a few of the bunches of hay in the meadow.
Frankie Harlow brought a message from C. C. Morris's stating that Sarah his wife was dying, and wished Lydia would come up there.
Carted in 3 loads of hay from the North meadow before noon. After noon Lydia walked to C. C. Morris's. I carted in 4 more loads from the meadow
4 loads. Charles C. Chadwick brought Lydia home while I was milking, about 6 o'clock, eve. Turned in about 8 o'clock.
Sarah Morris died at 12=30m. noon.

Friday.

3d. Wind easterly. Weather foggy, and cool.
Towed some of the hay in the barn. Went over to John's and read his paper some. Came back and mixed some turf with manure under the barn.
Had green pease for dinner. John furnished them.
After noon picked 4 quarts of blackberries in the north lot. Raked the place over, where the hay was taken from yesterday. Wind northerly. Weather clear.
Bunched the hay that has lain in swarth since Monday. Lydia walked down to Abner S. Fish's while I was milking: to secure a passage to town tomorrow. She came back about dark accompanied by Abner's wife. Lydia made herself ready and they walked back to Abner's together. She wants to be there early in the morning; because it will be better not to have to walk there tomorrow. She is going to town to attend the funeral of Sarah Morris.
I read till 9½ o clock then turned in.

Saturday.

4th. Wind westerly. Weather clear and pleasant. Therm 80°.
Carted in 3 loads of oatfodder from the S.E. corner of the north lot. Sim came home about 11 o'clock.
After noon Sim helped me cart in 1½ loads of oatfodder.

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and 1½ of meadow hay from the north lot.

After tea Tim walked to town. Near ½ o'clock Lydia came home; having ridden to our gate with Oliver C. Backus. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

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Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Therm' 70°; at 6½ o'clock, a.m. Went over to John's and read his newspaper and brought it home. I have had to put all my hay (so far) into the barn in a damp state; it is now very warm. I don't know how it will come out in the spring: but I am fearful that it will be musty.

While over to John's I went into the garret and had a look at Harrison Gardner's turnip seed that is spread on the floor. There is a large quantity of it.

After noon as Lydia and I were going blackberrying in the north lot; we saw Mattie W. Fish coming. Lydia waited for her and she followed us, and we all three picked ½ quart of berries, and came home.

After tea Lydia walked with Mattie to her home. I did the chores then went there. Had a pleasant time and came home about 9 o'clock. Turned in.

Monday.

6 ℔.

Wind S.W. Weather pleasant. Mowed some in the north meadow; also some wild stuff in the old hole that was burnt in the meadow about 45 years ago; at which time the fire continued 6 weeks.

After noon bunched the hay. C. C. Backus came over here after tea and staid till 9 o'clock then went home; he has had quite a sick spell today.

I turned in soon after John went.

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6½ ℔.

Wind westerly. Weather pleasant after the rain. Borrowed John's wagon after the rain, and Lydia and I rode to town. Put our things into Sarah F. Wood's house.

Carried the butter to the customers. We now sell about 16 pounds each week. Bought my groceries and

a barrel of coal. Soon after 4 o'clock, Lydia, Sarah B. and Katie Wood left town in the wagon with all the things except part of the coal and came home.

I wrote a letter to Wm H. Caswell in the Union store and enclosed therein his reciepts for Lodge dues that he had sent me to be rectified.

Went over to Charles R. Paddock's and took tea.

863. Called on bro' Charles W. Gardner. Attended Lodge.

Went from there with Paddock to B. F. Wyer 2d's where we found his wife and Paul Paddock's. Staid there till Ben and wife came home. Then we went into Charlie's house; that is, Charlie and wife and I. Turned in about 11 o'clock. I slept on the sofa.

Wednesday.

8th " Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Helped Paddock get the pump-logs out of a disused cess-pool in his yard.

Took breakfast at Charlie's. Went to Sarah B.'s house and took my light coat and hat and started for home. When I had walked as far as the lower part of Orange street, David B. Andrews gave me a ride to the end thereof.

William O'Connell came along going to the farm of F. C. Sandford. He brought me to our gate. Walked to the house and chored around a little then mowed in the north meadow. Before noon I cut out two pairs of trowsers of a kind of cloth called demins.

Lydia, Sarah B. and Katie picked some blackberries through the day, and sent them to town by E. A. Backus; to be sold. Turned in about 8 o'clock

Thursday.

9th " Wind southerly. Weather foggy most of the day.

Mowed some in the north meadow. Raked and bunched some of the hay. Got ready toward night to go to town; but it commenced to rain and I gave up going. Read some through the evening turned in about 9 o'clock.

I have a considerable of a boil.

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Friday.

10th. Mowed in the north meadow and worked on the hay. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Saturday

11th. Finished mowing the north meadow. Sim came from town and in the afternoon helped me rake and bunch all the hay. He rode to town with J. J. Backus after tea. Read some. Turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Sunday.

12th. Opened some of the hay in the north meadow. Soon after noon went over to John's and after a great deal of trouble got the horse (old Whitey) and the cart together and the women folks went with the team to E. E. Morris's.

I carted in one load of hay before noon and 3 loads after noon. Mattie McNish came here to see Katie. She came while I was eating my supper, and waited till the women came home which was about ½ o'clock. Mattie went home about dark. Read some. Turned in.

4 loads.

Monday

13th. Wind S.W. Weather pleasant and warm. Mowed most of the oats in the S.W. part of the north lot. Doubled the cocks of hay on the N. meadow and raked the rakings that were left yesterday. J. J. Backus was over in the evening. Charles Starbuck came her this morning and I whet his razer for him. He then went home. Turned in about 9 o'clock. evening.

Tuesday.

14th. Wind S.W. Weather fine except a thunder squall in the morning. Made preparations and borrowed John's truck wagon. Lydia and rode to town in it. Put all of things into Sarah B. Wood's house — put the horse under the shed. Did my errands — &c. Carried the

butter round by hand. Took my meals at Sarah B.'s house. The weather was so warm and the wagon jumped and shook so badly in going to town that about 5 lbs of the butter became so soft and flatted out so much that it was not fit to sell; and I brought it home. Heard that my brother Odd Fellow Wm H. Waitt died last evening near 7 o'clock.

After went to Mrs Waterman's and asked Tim to go home with me after Lodge. Called on Charlie B. Paddock and went to the Lodge with him. After the meeting went back to where Tim is stopping; and he and I walked to Sarah B.'s house. Harnessed the horse — put the things into the wagon and Tim and I rode home. Lydia had ridden here with N. G. Fish and wife in the after noon.

Tim and I arrived home near midnight — eat something; and turned in. Lydia got home about 7½ o'clock.

Wednesday.

15th. Wind southerly. Weather rainy. Therm. 76° at 9 o'clock, morn.

Ground my scythe and the shingling hatchet and put an iron hoop on a bucket. Lydia and I get ready and about noon rode to town in John's truck-wagon. Put the horse up and went to Sarah B.'s. house and changed our clothes and went to the Lodge.

Near 2 o'clock a procession was formed and the brothers marched to the house of our late brother William H. Waitt The wether was so bad that the rites of the I. O. O. F. were performed at the house. Daniel Russell acted as Chaplain. Wm C. Marden acted as N. G. George W. Macy as Marshal. When we left the house it was raining quite sharp and kept increasing so that when the funeral had passed the brothers as they stood on the sidewalk, it was deemed advisable for the procession of brothers to return to the Lodge; which was done. A few of the Daughters of Rebekah attended at the house. I went to Sarah B.'s. Did an errand or two

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Waited at the house for Lydia to come till near 4 o'clock, P.M. then wandered along Centre street as far as Charlie R. Paddock's; went in there and had a cup of tea with them. Andrew R. Worth was there. I staid till near 7 o'clock; then went back to the house. Lydia was there — harnessed the horse — put the remainder of the barrel of coal into the wagon and we rode home 4688. where we arrived near 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Thursday.

16th Wind westerly. Weather damp in the morning. Clear by noon. Finished mowing the oats in the north lot before noon. Dug some garget root to carry to Charles G. Coffin.

Had a look at the hay that is cocked on the north meadow; it is quite wet — having become so by yesterday's rain. Tim and Katie have been huckleberrying most of the day. Sarah B. went with them a little while since noon.

4½ o'clock; all hands getting ready to go to town. The women and I left home in the wagon and rode to town. Tim walked. Left the things at Sarah B's. Put the horse up — Walked down street — Attended meeting of the D of R. Served as N.G. Came home at 11:20 o'clock. Lydia came with me. Eat something and turned in.

Friday.

17th Wind S.W. Weather pleasant. Therm 74° at 7¾ o'clock, morn. Chored round till the dew was dried off. Then began to cart in the hay from the north meadow; after 37 loads. I had opened all the cocks there. Carted in 3 loads; which finished the north meadow. Read some. J.J. Backus spent the evening here. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

Saturday.

18th Tried to rake the oatfodder with the dragrake, could not do it — too many blackberry vines. Went to Alpher S. Fish's and borrowed his horserake and came back and raked part of the fodder.

Charles G. Macy and Charles R. Paddock and their wives came to the house. Charlie Paddock stopped where I was raking, and asked me to go and tell Charlie Macy to go back to the house; he with his team being at the north lot gate. I did so, and brought the rake to the house. Charlie Paddock was going damning when he spoke with me. — he returned with a bucketful of clams. Had some boiled for supper, —

Had a nice time, and they left here about 9 o'clock, eve'. Read a little and turned in.

Sunday.

19th. Read the newspapers some. Began to get ready and about noon Lydia and I left home in our cart and rode to Charles Starbuck's. Lydia rode from there with Ella and Etta to Wauwinet House at the head of the harbor. Charles and I amused ourselves reading and talking until they returned, about 5 o'clock, eve'. Soon after had supper. Emily F. Caswell and her little daughter (Edith) were there to tea also Minnie Swain. After tea Lydia and Ella walked with Emily and the children as far as Susan Swain's, she lives on the farm lately occupied by her husband. They staid a short time and returned.

Billy Norcross came there while we were at Charles's.

Near 9 o'clock. Lydia and I left there and came home. Turned in soon after

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Monday.

20th. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm, 78° at noon.

Carted and mixed with the manure under the barn 5 loads of turf. After noon finished raking; and cocked the oatfodder in the north lot. Carried the rake home. Hebner's wife gave me a part of a salt bluefish; Hebner and his family had just returned from Great Point, where they went last Saturday.

87 loads.

Borrowed his wagon to use tomorrow and came home with it. Did the chores. Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday.

21st. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Lydia and I made ourselves ready and rode to town in Abner's wagon. Carried the butter round. 14 lbs. Put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Did my errands. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Andrew G. Hussey was there carpentering. Cruised around down street. Took tea with Sarah B. Went over to Paddock's and staid till Lodge time. Attended Lodge. 665. Went to Sarah B.'s and got ready and Lydia and I came home where we arrived at 11 o'clock. 640. Turned in imediately after getting home.

Wednesday.

22d. Wind easterly. Weather pleasant. Therm 70° at 6 o'clock. morn. Carted and mixed with the dung under the barn 40 loads. 3 loads of turf. After noon carted into the barn 39 loads. from the north lot 2 loads of oatfodder.

This morning while we were at breakfast Abner G. Fish came here with his horse and harness and carried his wagon home. After tea went over to John's and took his newspaper and brought it home. He has gone to town. Read some. Turned in 8 o'clk.

Thursday.

23d. Wind all round the compass. Weather pleasant. Therm. 46 loads. Carted to the manure pen 6 loads of turf to be mixed with dung by and by. Carted in the last 41 loads. 2 loads of oatfodder; which finishes the first crop of hay and fodder. Went to the beach through G. C. Gardner's eastern farm and brought to the north end of the barn a load of seaweed; to be used as bedding for the horse when he is put in the stable. Forenoon after noon Martha W. Fish and her children rode up the lane and stopped opposite our house and waited. I carried Lydia there with our horse and cart and she went huckleberrying with them. They returned about 6 o'clock, with 3½ quarts.

After doing the chores I went and dug a peck of clams. and brought them to the house. Moon eclipsed entirely. J.J. Packus was here in the evening. Turned in 9 o'clock.

Friday.

24th. Wind S.W. Weather clear after morning. Therm 83° at noon. Chored around till near 10 o'clock. Then had a look at the cranberries for the first time this season; they are quite thick. Got a basket and picked about 3 quarts. Then Charles G. Macy and Charles P. Paddock and their wives came here and I quitted.

Toward night I went on the bog and picked 6 quarts of cranberries. We had a real enjoyable time and at 6 o'clock eve we had tea and soon after they got ready and left here for town about 7 o'clock. I did the chores. J.J. Packus came over after dark and staid till 9 o'clock. Tim came here from town and went out huckleberrying; he came in, in the after noon and brought 7 quarts, and rode to town with James Barrett. Turned in soon after John went home.

Saturday.

25th. Wind all round: settled to the Eastward. Weather pleasant. Picked cranberries on the bog all day except doing the chores. Read a little. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Sunday.

26th. Wind easterly. Very heavy rain in the morning; clear by noon. Chored around a little. Got ready and Lydia and I had John's wagon and rode over to Capt Ed C. Fox's at Seconsett with our horse. Charles Starbuck and his two daughters came there shortly after us. Had a pleasant time, and left there near 9 o'clock and came home. Turned in soon after getting here.

Monday.

27th. Wind northerly. Weather foggy and cloudy. Therm 80° at noon. Surfed of some for peating in the south meadow. Tim came here and went berrying and got 6½ quarts and rode to town with J.J. Packus. Martha W. Fish and

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August 6. her two children, and Mrs Emma Mitchell nee Gibbs. came here in the afternoon from berrying and staid sometime; then went home. Turned in about 8 o'clock

Tuesday.

28th. Wind westerly. Weather mild and very warm Therm 83°.

Lydia and I got ready as soon as we could and rode to town in John's wagon, with our horse. Delivered the butter. Carried a bushel of green cranberries to town but could not sell them. Bought some coal and corn. Put the horse up. Took dinner at C. H. Woods. Did some errands. Saw brother Odd Fellow Berry from Westerly R.I. Took tea at Sarah B's. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Attended Lodge in the evening.

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Went to Sarah B's and got ready and came home

4642. where we arrived just before 11 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

29th. Wind S.W. and strong. Weather cloudy, a rain squall.

Went across the creek on to Shawandenno marsh and mowed till it began to rain then came home. Pitched the last loads of oatfodder that were carted into the barn, onto the mow. After noon went on the marsh and mowed a considerable.

Jim came here before noon and went berrying on Gauls hills, he came in about the time that I got back from the marsh and he rode to town with George H. Perkins. I shaved around a little.

5 o'clock eve'. Thunder in the distance. It began to rain about 7 o clock and continued a good part of the night. Turned in about 8 o clock

Thursday.

30th. Wind northerly. Weather pleasant. Therm. 77° at noon.

Went on the marsh and mowed some. Jim rode from town with G. H. Perkins, and went berrying.

After noon mowed all except the creek stuff.

On coming home had a nice bathe in the creek

Tim rode to town with G. W. Backus. After doing the chores, went over to John's and got his newspaper. John was over here and staid sometime. Read some. Turned in about 9 o'clock;

Friday.

31st. Wind southerly. Weather fine. Thermometer, Went onto the marsh and mowed most of the creekstuff. Poled the hay off of the island and made a good part of the hay into a road.

There is quite a number of plover here since Plover. Sunday. Dug about a peck of clams in the creek at lowtide; brought them home at night Tim rode here in the morning with G. W. Backus and went berrying. He walked to town toward night with Daniel Ray. Buzza Coffin and Benie Closby called here; they were out shooting.

G. J. Backus was over in the evening and staid till 4648. 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he had gone.

Saturday.

September 1st. Wind S.W. Weather cloudy, with frequent squals of rain. There has been heavy thunder all day; about 15 or 20 miles to the southward of the island.

Went on the marsh with the horse and cart across the mouth of the creek. Finished making the road, and carted all the hay onto the north part of the marsh; which is higher and harder than the south end. Saw about a hundred plover in Plover. one flock. Did the chores. Read some in "Josephus"

4644. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Sunday.

2d. Wind easterly. Weather rainy. Therm 66° at 8, morn. Went over to John's and borrowed his paper.

Near noon Charles Starbuck left his two daughters opposite our gate, and he drove to town; They walked to our house. At low tide Etta and Ella rode to the shore with me. Dug some clams. They picked

September. up a lot of pretty pebbles. The clams were fried for supper. Charles and the girls staid till 9 o'clock then went home. He returned from town while we were at the shore. Turned in soon after they went.

Monday.

4645.
3d Wind westerly and strong. Weather clear.
Went on the marsh and carted onto the upland all the hay that was mowed. Mowed the remainder of the cockstuff and brought it home and put it in the front lot. John was here in the evening.
Turned in about 9 o'clock.

Tuesday

4th Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Lydia and I rode to town in John's wagon. Delivered the butter. Put our things into Sarah B. Wood's house. Put the horse under the shed. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s. Her son "Willie" was there. He came from Providence last Saturday where he works at his trade. He is a printer. Took the wagon to the blacksmith's and had it mended. Put the horse into E.W. Perry & Co's shed while it was being mended.
Played checkers with G. Frank Brown — he beat me.
Bought my groceries and carried them to the house in the wagon — put the horse up.
867. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Attended Lodge in the evening — returned to Sarah B.'s before 9 o'clock and waited till Lydia came then harnessed the horse and while putting our things into the wagon Charlie Paddock came there and told me that Margaret Macy would like to have me fetch her some cranberries next Tuesday. Came home where we arrived about 10 o'clock. Ate. Turned in.

Wednesday.

5th Wind S.W. Weather fine. Therm. 76° at 4 o'clock evening.
Fair Day. Went to the Burgess farm and spread the salt hay and brought a heavy load home.

After noon carried Lydia in the wagon to Holmes G. Fish's and returned and put the wagon into John's house. Fed his pig and rode my horse home.

4 loads. Carted 2 loads of turf and put them into the hogspen. Lydia returned soon after 4 o'clock, eve'. Picked a few cranberries. Burned in about 8 o'clock, eve.

Thursday.

6th. Wind variable. Weather cloudy. Therm' 71° at noon Wind N.E.

Drove Lydia in the cart down to Mr. G. Fish's and left her to ride to town with Holmes's wife.

Fair Day. Came back and turfed off for peating. Carted a load to the hogspen.

After noon carted to the manure pen under the barn 5 loads. 4 loads of the turf next to the peat. Did the chores.

Lydia came home about dark. Fed John's pig. Mr. G. Fish Read some. Burned in about 8 o'clock. called here today.

Friday.

7th. Wind easterly. Weather rainy. Therm 62° at 8 o'clock, morn'.

Lydia went to feed the pig this morning and Died. found her dead. J. J. Backus's wife called here having come from Providence R.I. lately.

Feeling rather bad with my back and head aching; laid down upstairs about 3 hours. Read some.

Mary Abby Hilliker and Sarah Backus called here after noon. The rain slacked some and I buried the pig under the barn in the manure heap. Rainy.

J. J. Backus came over here and staid till 9 o'clock Rainy. Wrote some. Burned in at 10 o'clock, evening.

Saturday.

8th. Wind easterly and strong. Weather cold and rainy. Therm 54°.

Made 2 covers by cutting a cheesebox in halves; to be used in covering butter on the cellar floor.

Did not let the cattle out of the barn till near 9 o'clock morn' because the storm was so heavy.

Made a couple of bread pickers. Read some.

Burned in about 9 o'clock.

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Sunday.

9th Wind easterly: Weather cloudy and drizzly. Therm 60°.
Went over to John's and read his newspaper and brought it home. Chored around till noon. Then borrowed John's wagon. He has a large company of people there. Lydia and I rode to E. C. Morris's. Was introduced to a Mrs Talbot and Miss Brown her sister. Stayed a short time then went to Charles Starbuck's. Had a pleasant time — nice supper — a little singing. Came home about 10 o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Monday.

10th Wind northerly; then easterly. Weather clear. Therm 64°.
Mowed on the south meadow a space to put peat on when I cart some out. Turned the salt hay in the front lot. Picked 4 quarts of cranberries
After noon went down and turned my salt hay on the farm where Abner G. Fish lives. came back and picked 4 qts of cranberries. Did the chores. J. J. Backus called here in the evening, and staid till near 8 o'clock. — Turned in soon after.

Tuesday.

11th Wind S.W. Weather cloudy. Therm 62° at 7½ o'clock, morn.
Lydia and I rode to town the same as usual. met Tim on the road walking out; He was going huckleberrying. Delivered the butter. Sold the eggs. Put our things into C. B. Wood's house. Had the horse shod. bought a barrel of coal and brought it to the shed where I keep the horse and left a bag full of it there. Took dinner at Sarah B.'s.
Went aboard of a boat that Paddock has lately bought; before dinner and fixed the foresail a little. After noon bought my groceries. loafed round — played checkers with G. Frank Brown; he beat me. Took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Charlie Paddock's. Attended Lodge in the evening.

Went to Sarah B's— got ready and came home where we arrived at 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon.

Wednesday.

12th. Wind westerly. Weather cloudy morn' clear after.
Put some new teeth into my dragrake in place of those that Jimmie Barrett broke out.
Went clamming and got a half bushel and toted them home. After noon went with the horse and cart across the creek onto the farm occupied by St. S. Bish and cocked my salt hay except a jag which I brought home and put in the barn.
Read some after lamplight. Wrote yesterday's and today's journal. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Thursday.

13th. Wind westerly. Weather clear by morn; foggy before. Therm 74°.
56 loads. Carted three loads of light turf from the peathole and mixed it with dung under the barn.
8 loads. Carted in the two loads of salt hay from the front lot. Jim came from town and began to pick cranberries for me on the bog.
After noon raked and carted in the hay from the south meadow: it was mowed the 10th inst.
Carted 2 loads of seaweed from the shore and spread it to the northward of the barn.
Jim picked half a bushel cranberries and then walked to town: toward night.
Went over to John's after lamplight and brought home his newspaper and read till near 9 o'clock
Turned in near 9 o'clock.

Friday.

14th. Wind N.W. Weather clear. Therm 76° at noon.
Began to peat. Carted out 9 loads before noon.
Jim came up and is picking cranberries.
18 loads. After noon carted out 18 loads of wet peat
Jim went to town toward night. John was over here and staid till 9 o'clock. Turned in as soon as he went.

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Saturday.

15th. Wind southerly. Weather clear. Therm. 76° at noon.

Spread the bed of peat. John and G. H. Bakus helped me stick it at noon.

After noon, cut the bed of peat down and
24 loads. carted out 6 loads of wet peat.

Lydia walked down to Elmer G. Fish's; she returned by 5 o'clock on foot. Turned in about 8 o'clock

Sunday.

16th. Wind southerly. Weather pleasant.

Chored around a little and read some.

Went to the shore and dug half a bushel of clams. I dig them with my hands without a hoe.

When I returned to the house. Jacob B. Gibbs, wife and daughter were here, and staid till after 4 o'clock, eve, then went home.

Saw a person in the cowyard near the house where J. J. Bakus lives; Looked with the spyglass and made him out to be Jonas Fish a man more than 90 years of age. After looking about the premises sometime he walked away to the eastward, and I watched him till I lost sight of him among the swamps and hills on Quaile farm. After tea I went over to John's and asked him about the old man; he said he had seen him down to the shore of the harbor.

The fog was gathering quick. I started east to find the old man before the fog came in too heavy. and discovered him heading toward and nearly to the main road. At the same time John hailed me from off the barn and said he saw him. I waited there till the old man was on the road and coming this way. When I came home. John went and hailed him when he was opposite his front gate, and he went to John's house with him. Did the chores. Read some.

Wrote today's journal. Turned in about 8½ o'clock.

Monday.

4646.
17th. Wind S.W. Weather foggy in the morn', clear by 9 o' clock. Thermometer 78° at noon.

J.J. Backus told me that he carried the old man Mr Fish to town last evening, with his horse and wagon and left him at the Asylum of which he is an inmate.

Wm came here from town this morning and is picking cranberries. Carted out 11 loads of wet peat.

36 loads. Afeter noon carted out another load and what was carted yesterday and today into a bed and tread and Wm helped me stick it. Cut it down

Wm rode to town with G. W. Backus toward night.

J.J. Backus was over here in the evening.

Had a rain squall about 9 o'clock, evening. John went home just after the squall. Turned in soon after

Tuesday.

18th. Wind S.W. Weather rainy. Therm 70° at 8 o'clock, morn.

Abner G. Fish called here on his way to John's.

Chored around a little; and near 10 o'clock I went over to John's and got his wagon and Lydia and I rode to town in it.

Delivered the butter - Left our things to S.B. Woods - Put the horse up. Took dinner at Sarah B's. Took the wagon to the shop of George B. Paddock for him to put the thill to it, that I bought for John sometime ago. Called at the paint shop.

Went to George Winslow's shop where Paddock was doing some blacksmithing for his brother Paul. Went to Paddock's house and in moving their clock I tipped the works off the case onto the floor; they were damaged some. carried them over to brother Wm. Wedgate's shop to have them fixed. Played checkers with J. Frank

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September. Brown and led him one game. Went and got the wagon after it was fixed. Did my errands. Took tea with Sarah B. — Called over to Paddock's.
869. Went from there to the Lodge — Paddock did not go. Went to Sarah B's and waited for Lydia; when she came — harnessed the horse — put the things into the wagon and Lydia and I came home where we arrived at
4647. 10=20 o'clock. Eat half a mince pie and turned in.

Wednesday.

19th. Wind northerly. Weather fair. Therm 58° at 7½ o'clock, eve'.
Mowed where I shall make two more beds of peat. Jim rode from town with G.W. Bakus. 59
and picked cranberries till about 4 o'clock eve',
he rode to town with G.W. Bakus
45 loads. After noon I carted out 9 wet loads of peat
The blade of my peatcutter having become very weak from having a crack in it I put another on the handle at night. Chored around till 9 o' 62 load
clock, eve'. Then wrote yesterday and todays' work "So far and no farther". Turned in soon after 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

20th. Wind southerly. Weather fine. Therm 70°, at noon
54 loads. Carted out 9 loads and put them with the 9 that were carted yesterday and began to tread them 46
Lydia rode to town with Mary Abby Hilliker about 9 o'clock. morn'. Jim walked out and picked cranberries. After noon finished treading and Jim helped me slide. Put the bed down.
Got ready and had "Old Whitey" and John's wagon 72
and John's wife and Mrs. H. Hilliker rode to town with me. — put the under the shed — took tea with F.B. Wood. Went and got the works of Paddock's clock carried them to his house. (he is in Boston) put them on the case and set the clock going. Attended S. or P. meeting. Went to Sarah B's and got ready

and Lydia and rode as far as the east corner of of New street. I went and called J. J. Hackus at his brother's house, and he rode home with us leading his mare — left the horse and wagon at John's house and walked home. Turned in soon after getting home

Friday.

21st. Wind northerly and strong Weather pleasant Therm 62° at night

Surfed of all day. Tim stayed here last night, and is now picking cranberries. John went to town. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

Saturday.

22d. Wind northerly and strong. Weather good. Therm 58° at noon

59 loads. Surfed off till noon. Carted 3 loads to the manure pen. Tim went to town yesterday. John came home this morning. Mr Shabad Hackus died this morning about 4 o'clock. John took breakfast with us. I did his chores for him through the day; he went to town before noon.

62 loads. After noon carted out 8 wet loads of peat Did John's chores. Read a considerable in the evening. Turned in before 9 o clock.

Sunday.

23d. Wind westerly. Weather pleasant. Therm

Laid round most of the day, reading. writing &c. Turned in about 8 o'clock.

1646. Had one of my spells and turned out and staid up a short time then went to bed again.

Monday.

24th. Carted out 11 loads of wet peat before noon.

72 loads. After noon trod slicked and cut down that and the 8 loads that were carted out Saturday into one bed. Tim helped me about slicking; he came up this forenoon and picked cranberries.

Turned in about 8 o clock.

Tuesday.

25th. Wind S.W. Weather clear and cool Therm 62° in the morn

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September. Soon after breakfast made preparations, and Lydia and I rode to town. Delivered the letter - put the horse up. Took dinner with Sarah B. Wood. Did my errands.

Called at the paint-shop, G.B. Paddock's, and Ste. E. Jones's — Played checkers with Benj. F. Brown and he beat. Took tea with Sarah B. Called on bro Charles B. Gardner, also called at Paddock's nobody at home, Paddock went to Boston a week ago tomorrow.

Sept. Attended Lodge in the evening — Saw Charlie Paddock there he came to the island today; After meeting went with him to H.F. Wyer's and staid near an hour. Went to Sarah B's. Got the horse and Lydia came home where we arrived about 10½ o'clock. Jim was here having come up in the morning. Turned in soon after getting home

Wednesday.

26th Jim picked cranberries and went to town at night. I laid out peat most of the day. Did Edw's chores for him; he having gone to the burying of his aunt Polly Backus. Read a little Turned in before 9 o'clock.

Thursday.

27th Wind northerly. Weather foggy in the morning. Clear the rest of the day. Therm. 72½ at noon.

Laying out peat, before noon. After noon Freddie Fish came here and said his mother wanted my wife should come down and help her. I carted to the shop my peating-tools; then Lydia rode down to Mrs Fish's with me and I went and loaded some of my salt hay, and as I came by their house I put on a stool chair and came home - put the hay into the barn. Went on the south meadow and gathered the hay that I mowed when I began peating and

loaded it and brought it to the barn and put it in. Went to Mr. S. Fish's about 6 o'clock and took tea and staid till 9 o'clock; then Lydia and I walked home. Turned in soon after getting home.

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Friday.

28th. Wind southerly. Weather cloudy and foggy. Therm 72° at noon. Laying out peat most of the day. E. G. Backus was here in the evening. Yesterday I took the ropes off of the two calves and let them go. Let the into the front lot also. Turned in near 9 o'clock.

Saturday.

29th. Wind easterly. Weather rainy and foggy; it cleared by noon. Laid out a little peat.

Lydia and I rode to town where we arrived at 2½ o'clock, eve'. Put the horse up — took the things into Sarah B. Wood's — did some errands.

Lydia and I took tea at Sarah B.'s. Called over to Charlie R. Paddock's. Went from there to the lodgeroom and near 8 o'clock eve'. the Committee of Arrangements opened the programme by requesting a prayer by the Chaplain of Island Lodge D of R. the anniversary of the institution of which Lodge we were about to celebrate. The Rev Mr Walker gave a short address; followed by the singing of an ode composed for the occasion. *Looking at the composition it appears more like a hymn than otherwise.*

After which we marched into the dining room and sat down to a nice collation and enjoyed the good things set before us, and were waited upon by several young ladies employed for the occasion.

I was furnished with a quart pitcher to take my coffee from while the rest of the company were served with cups of a lesser capacity. I s'pose they thought that I was an old drinkhard, and they did not want to be bothered in filling a smaller cup for me so often as I should require. ¡Quien sabe!

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September. After enjoying ourselves at the table: we had the usual amount of of sentiments, toasts and short speeches until near 11 o'clock. We then repaired to the Lodge room and after some music and singing we all went home; After getting ready Lydia and I rode here, where we arrived soon after 1 o'clock' morn'. Burned in soon after.

Sunday.

30th. Staid at home and read wrote most of the day. J. J. Bakus was here in the evening; he left about 9 o'clock. Turned in soon after he left.

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Monday.

October. 1st. Wind westerly. Weather clear and warm.

Sim arrived here soon after breakfast and said it was court day. I being a Grand Juror I was soon ready and walked to town, in about an hour and arrived at the court in time to answer to my name. The jurors were notified to come to the court on the ringing of the bell after the arrival of the steamboat. she arrived about 8 o'clock. I repaired to the courthouse and after the court was organized, the Grand Jury retired to their room and received depositions in the charges against Peter Folger and Wm McEldredge. No bill.

Shortly after we were discharged. I went to Sarah B. Wood's and took tea having taken dinner there.

Attended Masonic Lodge in the evening.

Went over to Paddock's and slept on their sofa.

Tuesday.

2d. Took breakfast at Paddock's and walked home. Got ready and Lydia and I rode to town Delivered the butter - put our things into Sarah B. Wood's and drove down to Elisha Parker's shop and left the wagon to have the wheel repaired and a pair of different tires which I furnished for it. Did my errands - Had a few games of checkers.

Called at the paint shop and cruised around some.
Took tea at Sarah B's. Called over to C. R. Paddock's
0771 Attended Lodge of Odd Fellows in the evening.
Came home about 10½ o'clock. Turned in soon after.

Wednesday.

8th Wind easterly. Weather nice and comfortable.
Finished laying out the peat and carted one
1 load. load and put into the peathouse.
After noon Lydia, Sim and I walked to a husk-
555 king at Abner S. Fish's. J. J. Backus and I
walked home together to do our chores about 4 o'clock.
When we returned the corn was all husked
and the huskers were eating supper. We had
some then there was some dancing.
Joseph Steingardt and I played checkers some.
Lydia rode home with Charles Starbuck; and
Sim and I walked home by the light of a harri-
cued lantern. Turned in about 11 o'clock.

Thursday.

4th Wind S.E. Weather foggy and cloudy most of the day.
Got early breakfast and went over to John's and
rode with him to Abner S. Fish's. Sim did our chores.
Worked at making a stack of fresh and salt hay and
cornstalks till dinner-time. Had dinner.
Finished the stack about 2 o'clock, eve; Thirteen men,
one boy and three teams did the work.
Lydia and I rode home with John: she had
walked there before noon. Chored around a little
Sim had picked cranberries through the day:
he walked to town toward night.
J. J. Backus came over after tea and staid a short
4651. time. Read a little and turned in about 9½ o'clock.

Friday.

5th It began to rain before daylight with the wind S.E.
Near 8 o'clock the came N.W. and blew a tremendous
gale accompanied by an extreme heavy rain.

October. Did not let the cows out till late on account of the storm. The north lot fence had blown down and they went in there; had a job to get there and drive them out. Three times I had to drive them out. Did John's chores for him at night; because he has gone to town; he intends going to Providence tomorrow. Read a little. Turned in early.

Saturday.

6th. Wind northerly. Weather clear Mended the
2 loads. fences. Carted in a load of peat.
After noon carted and put into the barn 2 loads of my salt hay from the farm where Mr. B. Fish
4652. lives. Turned in about ½ o'clock.

Sunday.

7th. Wind N.E. Weather clear and cool Therm 50°.
Samuel Burgess came here and recieved some swillmilk. He comes and gets it for Mrs Weick.
Walked over to Ben Wyer's swamp; he and B. B. Paddock are picking cranberries there. Charlie Paddock and Willie Wyer had gone to Squam grafting; they all rode up together. I had a nap. Read some
Turned in soon after ½ o'clock.

Monday.

8th. Wind S.E. Weather clear. Therm
Started to go to the salt hay with the horse and cart; thought I would dig some clams. I went by the way of the beach. In going down on to the lower part of the beach there was a short bank about two feet high, and in going over it the cart capsized and I was thrown out back down on the stones. Hurt some. righted cart – dug some clams. Went and got a load of hay – brought it home. C. Starbuck was here. Whet his razor. Got the hay all home before night
4658. Read some. Turned in early.

So ends this book. William F. Starbuck.

William B. Starbuck ~~Hospital~~ Aboard U.S. 1879.
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